

REPORTS OF THE  
TOWN OF STONEHAM

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1925



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## REPORTS

OF

### TOWN OFFICERS COMMITTEES

AND

### TOWN ACCOUNTANT

FOR 1925

TOWN OF STONEHAM

Incorporated, December 24 1725.

Population, 1925 Census, 9,084.

Eighth Congressional District

Sixth Councillor District

Sixth Middlesex Senatorial District

Eighteenth Middlesex Representative District

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Representative in Congress

HARRY I. THAYER, Wakefield

Councillor

CHARLES S. SMITH, Lincoln

Senator

CHARLES C. WARREN, Arlington

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Representatives

LEMUEL W. STANDISH, Stoneham

GUSTAV W. EVERBERG, Woburn

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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND ELECTION OF TOWN  
OFFICERS FIRST MONDAY IN MARCH



## Town Officers and Committees

### Moderator

RALPH R. PATCH

### Selectmen

GEORGE A. PACKARD, Chairman	Term expires	1926
JAMES A. MUNRO, Secretary	" "	1926
LEANDER V. COLAHAN	" "	1926

### Assessors

JAMES J. KENNEY	Term expires	1926
J. WILLIAM ABBOTT	" "	1927
GEORGE W. NEWHALL	" "	1928

### Overseers of the Poor

SIDNEY A. HILL	Term expires	1926
CHARLES H. CARR	" "	1926
WILDER C. MOULTON	" "	1926

### Board of Health

GEORGE A. HINCHCLIFFE	Term expires	1926
JOSEPH H. KERRIGAN, M. D.	" "	1927
LAWRENCE E. DOUCETT	" "	1928

### School Committee

C. FRANK MUNGER	Term expires	1926
JAMES A. PATCH	" "	1927
HORACE E. BELLOWS	" "	1928

### Park Commissioners

HERBERT P. HOWE	Term expires	1926
GEORGE M. JEFTS	" "	1927
JOHN A. WALSH	" "	1928

### Trustees of the Public Library

GEORGE A. PACKARD	Term expires	1926
MARGARET W. EMERSON	" "	1926
GEORGE A. HINCHCLIFFE	" "	1927
HERBERT H. RICHARDSON	" "	1927
CHARLES H. CHASE	" "	1928
CORA E. DIKE	" "	1928

### Trustees of Lindenwood Cemetery

SIMEON C. FULLER	Term expires	1926
WILFRED A. SMITH	" "	1927
GEORGE R. BARNSTEAD	" "	1928
FRED E. NICKERSON	" "	1929
CHARLES W. MESSER	" "	1930

### Constables

SUMNER H. GREEN	Term expires	1926
JOHN G. O'BRIEN	" "	1926
JAMES J. SCALLY	" "	1926

### Town Clerk

CHARLES A. OWEN	Term expires	1928
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### Treasurer and Collector

SIMEON C. FULLER	Term expires	1926
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### Tree Warden

GEORGE M. JEFTS	Term expires	1926
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### Finance and Advisory Board

FRANK B. HAMILL	Term expires	1926
LINWOOD L. GOVE	" "	1926
CHARLES W. EVANS	" "	1926
FRED H. CHASE	" "	1927
OLIVER W. RICHARDSON	" "	1927
EDWARD L. STROBELL	" "	1927
ALICE V. PEYTON	" "	1928
ANDREW HACKING	" "	1928
ALMOND H. SMITH	" "	1928

### Planning Board

LUTHER HILL	Term expires	1926
ROSE KEENAN COY	" "	1926
WILLIE H. WHITE	" "	1926
RALPH R. PATCH	" "	1926
FRANCES R. NICKERSON	" "	1927
HUGH HAMILL	" "	1927
CLIFFORD E. PATTEN	" "	1927
ALBERT P. ROUNDS	" "	1927
CHARLES W. MESSER	" "	1928
HAROLD B. HAYWARD	" "	1928
ROBERT A. NEWCOMB	" "	1928
GRACE E. CHAPMAN	" "	1928

### APPOINTED OFFICERS

#### Town Counsel

HERBERT H. RICHARDSON

#### Town Accountant

CHARLES A. OWEN

#### Superintendent of Schools

FREDERICK W. PORTER

#### School Physician

NORMAN P. HERSAM, M. D.



<b>Attendance Officer</b>	
CLIFFORD E. PATTEN	
<b>Assessors' Clerk</b>	
HARRY A. WILLIAMS	
<b>Agent, Board of Health</b>	
CHARLES A. OWEN	
<b>Sanitary Agent, Board of Health</b>	
GEORGE A. HINCHCLIFFE	
<b>Inspector of Buildings</b>	
ALBERT J. SMITH (Resigned Mar. 31)	
LINWOOD L. GOVE	
<b>Inspector of Milk</b>	
LAWRENCE E. DOUCETT	
<b>Inspector of Plumbing</b>	
DAVID TAGGART	
<b>Inspector of Animals</b>	
CALVERT H. PLAYDON	
<b>Inspector of Slaughtering</b>	
EDWARD E. HANSON	
<b>Superintendent of Public Works</b>	
HUGH G. KENNEDY	
<b>Water Registrar</b>	
SIMEON C. FULLER	
<b>Sealer of Weights and Measures</b>	
J. ALGERNON FORBES	
<b>Superintendent of Moth Work</b>	
GEORGE M. JEFTS	
<b>Superintendent of Almshouse</b>	
WILLIAM H. ROLFE	
<b>Public Weigher</b>	
GEORGE A. PACKARD	
<b>Burial Agent</b>	
GEORGE W. NEWHALL	
<b>Town Physician</b>	
GEORGE W. NICKERSON, M. D.	
<b>Field Driver</b>	
SUMNER H. GREEN	
<b>Pound Keeper</b>	
WILLIAM H. ROLFE	
<b>Board of Appeal</b>	
FRANK J. HOWELL	Term expires 1926
WILLIAM F. HUNT	" " 1926
CHARLES F. BUCK	" " 1927
LAWRENCE E. DOUCETT	" " 1927
WILLIAM S. LISTER	" " 1928

### Registrars of Voters

HERBERT H. RICHARDSON	Term Expires May 1, 1927
ALICE E. FEDIGAN	Term expires May 1, 1927
FRED E. KERNS	Died May 6, 1925
DANIEL P. HURLD	Term expires May 1, 1928
CHARLES A. OWEN, Town Clerk	Ex officio

### Police Department

SUMNER H. GREEN, Capt.	JOHN G. O'BRIEN, Sergt.
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### Patrolmen

DENNIS L. McKINNON	GEORGE E. JOHNSON
JOHN C. NELSON	PETER F. O'TOOLE
WILLIAM H. O'TOOLE	THOMAS J. FLYNN

JAMES J. SCALLY

### Fire Department

### Engineers

ALBERT J. SMITH, Chief

LOUIS F. BRUCE	FRED L. NEWHALL
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### Permanent Men

HERBERT E. PLUMMER	JOSEPH TANSEY
DANIEL W. POORE	WILLIAM F. McCALL

ALBERT J. SMITH

### Fence Viewers

GEORGE A. PACKARD	LEANDER V. COLAHAN
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JAMES A. MUNRO

### Janitor of Armory Hall

WILLIAM F. PLUMMER

### Janitor of Town Offices

EDWARD EMERSON, Died Feb. 15

EUGENE C. LEMOINE

### COMMITTEES

#### Committee on Two Hundredth Anniversary

HON. WILLIAM B. STEVENS	GEORGE A. PACKARD
THOMAS F. KERRIGAN	FREDERICK W. PORTER
MARGARET T. MULLALEY	LUTHER HILL
LEANDER V. COLAHAN	SUSAN E. NEWHALL
LEMUEL W. STANDISH	JAMES J. McDONALD
ROSE KEENAN COY	JAMES A. MUNRO
NELLIE W. STOREY	PRISCILLA G. HINCHCLIFFE
GEORGE R. BARNSTEAD	



Committee on History of the Town

GEORGE A. HINCHCLIFFE	HON. WILLIAM B. STEVENS
CHARLES J. EMERSON	HUGH HAMILL
CARRIE H. URQUHART	ROSE KEENAN COY
HERBERT H. RICHARDSON	CHARLENA T. LAMSON
LUTHER HILL	ETHEL DAVIS

Committee on Gould Meadow Survey

CLARENCE W. HOUGHTON	WILLIAM A. GARSIDE
REV. MONT M. THORNBURG	WILLIAM A. GILE
ALBERT P. ROUNDS	

Committee on Hiker's Monument

ARTHUR N. NEWHALL	THOMAS E. McKENNA
LEMUEL W. STANDISH	CHARLES F. BUCK
CLAUDE E. PATCH	

Committee on Fire Insurance

ERNEST L. YOUNG	DENSLOW V. HANKS
HENRY A. BUELL	

## List of Jurors

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Abbott, Charles J., 93 Franklin Street, Painter.  
Ackert, Alson, 41 Spring Street, Retired.  
Ahern, William H., 12 Lindenwood Road, Standard Oil.  
Avery, Charles S., 35 Pleasant Street, Shoes.  
Barber, Wesley F., Peabody Road, Carpenter.  
Bellows, Horace E., 65 Hancock Street, Jeweler.  
Berry, Fred H., 16 Hancock Street, R. R. Clerk.  
Blackburn, Albert J., South Street, Draughtsman.  
Blinn, Joseph H., 28 Cottage Street, Machinist.  
Blodgett, Charles F., 10 Emerson Street, Electrician.  
Bresnahan, John F., 50 Montvale Avenue, Shoes.  
Brown, Jeremiah B., 22 Highland Avenue, Shoes.  
Carr, Charles H., Lincoln Street, Farmer.  
Carroll, John T., 18 Pleasant Street, Shoes.  
Chase, Robert F., 15 Lincoln Street, Shoes.  
Cloutman, Charles E., 64 Central Street, Stockfitter.  
Cody, John J., 23 Spring Street, Shoes  
Cole, George, 98 Hancock Street, Carpenter.  
Connors, Michael, 1 Congress Street, Shoes.  
Corcoran, Michael J., 44 Gould Street, Shoes  
Crannan, Patrick J., 20 Common Street, Shoes.  
Crosby, Charles E., 57 Lincoln Street, Mechanic.  
Cullen, James H., 2 Pine Street, Shoes.  
Daniels, Everett B., Keene Street, Shoe Cutter.  
Dempsey, William M., 58 Marble Street, Stockfitter.  
DeWitt, Newton A., Keene Street, Dentist.  
Dinsmore, Charles F., 30 Gould Street, Watchman.  
Downs, Dustin L., 533 Main Street, Electrician.  
Doyle, William D., 12 Broadway, Shoes.  
Driscoll, John H., 228 Main Street, Merchant.  
Elliott, Frank G., 60 Pleasant Street, Insurance.  
Emery, T. Fred, 19 Middle Street, Carpenter.  
Estes, Alton W., 24 Maple Street, Salesman.  
Fall, Charles D., 59 Central Street, Carpenter.  
Finnegan, Thomas H., 20 Winthrop Street, Currier.  
Finney, Adino B., Elwood Avenue, Laboratory.  
Forrest, Edwin, 84 Central Street, Chemist.  
Fowle, Oliver G., 6 Benton Street, Retired.

Frazier, Ernest S., 15 Pond Street, Mechanic.  
 Fulton, James E., 18 Flint Avenue, Shoes.  
 Gay, William H., 18 Winthrop Street, Shoes.  
 Green, J. Horace, 87 Central Street, Agent.  
 Hacking, James, 10 Washington Avenue, Leather Work.  
 Hanson, Edward E., 24 Green Street, Truckman.  
 Healey, Theodore R., 20 Cedar Avenue, Shoes.  
 Holden, A. Albert, 6 Congress Street, Clerk.  
 Howard, Fred A., 15 Washington Street, Retired.  
 Howes, Joseph H., Garden Road, Carpenter.  
 Hunt, George H., 17 Lincoln Street, Stockfitter.  
 Hutchins, George Y., 26 Congress Street, Chemist.  
 Hylan, John P., 97 William Street, Farmer.  
 Johnston, John, 109 Elm Street, Bank Clerk.  
 Jones, Arthur C., 13 Cedar Avenue, Draughtsman.  
 Keating, James C., 66 Summer Street, Laborer.  
 Keenan, Joseph A., 5 Lincoln Street, Shoes.  
 Kenney, Arthur D., 67 Summer Street, Printer.  
 Kenney, John J., 67 Summer Street, Merchant.  
 Kimpton, Charles I., 537 Main Street, Salesman.  
 Kinsley, George C., 24 Gerry Street, Salesman.  
 Lamb, William H., 15 Ledge Street, Electrician.  
 Leavitt, George F., 482 Main Street, Box Maker.  
 Leavitt, Wallace A., 50 Wright Street, Foreman.  
 Lilley, James B., 35 Summer Street, Shoe Cutter.  
 Lister, William S., Lindenwood Road, Asst. Treasurer.  
 Lord, John A., 10 William Street, Shoe Cutter.  
 McCormack, Martin, 500 Main Street, Laborer.  
 McDonough, Martin, 88 Summer Street, P. O. Clerk.  
 McIntosh, William P., 71 Elm Street, Shoes.  
 McLaughlin, Daniel E., 125 Main Street, Clerk.  
 McLaughlin, Henry P., 270 Main Street, Retired.  
 Meehan, Peter F., 19 Emerson Street, Clerk.  
 Mellett, Henry T., 134 Elm Street, Furniture.  
 Moulton, Harry N., 11 Myrtle Street, Bookkeeper.  
 Moulton, Jeremiah M., 9 Middle Street, Carpenter.  
 Moulton, Wilder C., 515 Main Street, Retired.  
 Mullaly, Martin A., 155 Franklin Street, Clerk.  
 Parks, Frank E., 76 Summer Street, Printer.  
 Parsons, Charles H., 1 Capen Street, Shoes.  
 Patten, Clifford E., 9 Cedar Avenue, Broker.  
 Poole, Charles H., 6 Vinton Court, Shoes.  
 Porter, Frank B., 10 Hersam Street, Crossing Tender.  
 Potter, Harry F., 6 Hancock Street, Restaurant.  
 Purcell, William J., 111 Central Street, Janitor.



Quinlan, Dennis J., 29 Hancock Street, Salesman.  
Reynolds, Frank J., 4 Everett Street, Bookkeeper.  
Reynolds, Michael J., 4 Everett Street, Foreman.  
Richardson, Oscar J., 6 Duncklee Avenue, Shoes  
Roberts, Israel R., 23 Pleasant Street, Jeweler.  
Rogers, William, 281 Main Street, Shoes.  
Sally, James J., 5 Benton Street, Retired.  
Steele, Arthur, 11 Steele Street, Retired.  
Swain, Joseph L., 24 Washington Street, Shoes.  
Terry, Arthur N., 63 Hancock Street, Chemist.  
Thompson, Joseph C., 17 Montvale Avenue, Barber.  
Tidd, John B., 25 North Street, Farmer.  
Webber, James M. B., 23 William Street, Manager.  
Webber, Parker G., 14 Chestnut Street, Carpenter.  
Wentworth, J. Edward, 232 Main Street, Station Agent.  
Williams, Harry A., Peabody Road, Clerk.  
Wright, Ambrose E. B., 12 Wright Street, Shoes.

GEORGE A. PACKARD,  
LEANDER V. COLAHAN,  
JAMES A. MUNRO,  
Selectmen of Stoneham.

## Town Clerk's Report

### TOWN MEETING

Monday, March 2, 1925.

Agreeable to a Warrant signed by the Selectmen, February 17, 1925 the inhabitants of the town of Stoneham, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, met in Armory Hall in said town on Monday, March 2, 1925 at six o'clock in the forenoon.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator, Charles A. Owen, and the warrant read.

The tellers appointed by the Selectmen, as required by law, were sworn by the Town Clerk pro tem, and assigned to duty as follows:

#### Ballot Clerks

Fred H. Chase

John J. Cody

Percy A. Spear

#### Tellers

##### Republicans

Walter E. Gay

Samuel C. Batchelder

Edith M. Reynolds

Elsie L. deGruchy

Carrie E. Bancroft

Maud L. Chesley

##### Democrats

Martin H. McCormack

Thomas F. Halpin

Mary A. Kerns

Mary B. Nathanson

Helen V. Dougherty

James E. Fulton

Paul V. McHale

The ballots were given to the Ballot Clerks, a receipt taken from them for the same, the ballot box opened and examined, the register set at 0. locked, and the keys given in charge of the Moderator, after which the polls were declared open.

Article 3 taken up and it was

Voted—That the Moderator appoint a committee of three to nominate members of the Finance and Advisory Board. Under the foregoing vote the Moderator appointed:

Clarence W. Houghton    Harry R. Dockam    Herbert J. Brock

Voted—That the Moderator appoint a committee of three to nominate members of the Planning Board. Under the foregoing vote, the Moderator appointed:

William S. Lister

Nellie R. Storey

James E. Fulton

Voted—That when this meeting adjourn, it be to meet in Armory Hall on Tuesday, March 31, 1925 at 7:30 P. M.

The Moderator appointed as additional tellers to assort and count ballots the following, who were sworn by him:

Republicans	Democrats
Charles T. Dinsmore	Agnes J. Young
Alma Johonnott	Catherine W. Ahern
Stella Weed	Helen L. McCormack
Carrie E. Hamlin	John J. Kenney
Edward Perry	Mary L. Murphy
Alwyne C. Howes	William S. McGah
Helen R. Saxby	Clarence E. McIntire
Grace E. Chapman	John H. Shea

By unanimous consent of the Moderator and Assistant Town Clerk the ballot box was opened and ballots taken therefrom for the purpose of counting.

The tellers appointed to assort and count ballots were divided into groups of four, two Republicans and two Democrats in each group.

At eight o'clock in the evening the polls were declared closed at which time the ballot box registered 2241, as ascertained by the Town Clerk.

The check list at the gate had the names of 2241 persons checked as having received ballots.

The check list at the ballot box had the names of 2241 persons checked as having voted.

The number of unused ballots returned to the Town Clerk was 1259.

The number of ballots taken from the ballot box, as counted by the Moderator was 2241.

All the ballots cast, having been assorted and counted by the tellers the blocks of ballots sealed, the total tally sheet, proved and signed, in accordance with the law, declaration of same was made as follows:

#### Ballots

Whole Number Cast .....	2241
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#### Moderator

Ralph R. Patch, 25 Congress St. ....	1581
Scattering .....	2
Blanks .....	658

Ralph R. Patch, having received the highest number of all the votes cast for Moderator, was declared elected for one year and was sworn by the Town Clerk pro tem.

#### Town Clerk

James H. Gallagher, 89 Washington St. ....	780
Charles A. Owen, 114 Summer St. ....	1386



**Blanks** ..... **75**

Charles A. Owen, having received the highest number of all the votes cast for town clerk was declared elected for three years.

#### **Treasurer**

Simeon C. Fuller, 32 Pomeworth St. .... 1689  
**Blanks** ..... 552

Simeon C. Fuller, having received the highest number of all the votes cast for Treasurer was declared elected for one year.

#### **Selectmen**

Daniel I. Borgeau, 6 West Hancock St. .... 652  
 Leander V. Colahan, 19 Wright St. .... 1109  
 Michael S. Joyce, 46 Summer St. .... 258  
 James A. Munro, 74 William St. .... 1105  
 George A. Packard, 45 Pleasant St. .... 1189  
 Clifford E. Patten, 9 Cedar Ave. .... 711  
 Orvis H. Saxby, Eastview Terrace .... 612  
 Scattering ..... 1  
**Blanks** ..... 1086

George A. Packard, Leander V. Colahan, and James A. Munro, having received the three highest numbers of all the votes cast for Selectmen, were declared elected for one year.

#### **Tax Collector**

Simeon C. Fuller, 32 Pomeworth St. .... 1697  
 Scattering ..... 1  
**Blanks** ..... 543

Simeon C. Fuller, having received the highest number of all the votes cast for Tax Collector, was declared elected for one year.

#### **Assessor**

George W. Newhall, 50 Gould St. .... 1588  
 Scattering ..... 1  
**Blanks** ..... 652

George W. Newhall, having received the highest number of votes cast for Assessor, was declared elected for three years.

#### **Overseers of the Poor**

Charles H. Carr, 44 Lincoln St. .... 1378  
 Sidney A. Hill, 31 Chestnut St. .... 1502  
 Charles J. Meehan, 1 Minot St. .... 941  
 Wilder C. Moulton, 515 Main St. .... 1270  
**Blanks** ..... 1632

Sidney A. Hill, Charles H. Carr, and Wilder C. Moulton, having received the three highest numbers of all votes cast for Overseers of the Poor, were declared elected for one year.

### Constables

Sumner H. Green, 61 Pleasant St. ....	1662
John G. O'Brien, 24 Gould St. ....	1648
James J. Scally, 5 Benton St. ....	1570
Scattering .....	11
Blanks .....	1832

Sumner H. Green, John G. O'Brien, and James J. Scally, having received the three highest numbers of votes cast for Constables, were declared elected for one year.

### Board of Health

Lawrence E. Doucett, 15 Pine St. ....	1166
John W. Norton, 280 Main St. ....	745
Blanks .....	330

Lawrence E. Doucett, having received the highest number of votes cast for the Board of Health, was declared elected for three years.

### Tree Warden

George M. Jefts, 17 Perkins St. ....	1610
Blanks .....	631

George M. Jefts, having received the highest number of votes cast for Tree Warden, was declared elected for one year.

### School Committee

Horace E. Bellows, 65 Hancock St. ....	1195
Albert R. Ramsdell, 59 Perkins St. ....	630
Scattering .....	12
Blanks .....	404

Horace E. Bellows, having received the highest number of votes cast for School Committee, was declared elected for three years.

### Park Commissioner

John A. Walsh, 104 Franklin St. ....	1649
Scattering .....	2
Blanks .....	590

John A. Walsh, having received the highest number of votes cast for Park Commissioner, was declared elected for three years.

### Trustees of Public Library—Three Years

Charles H. Chase, 39 Lincoln St. ....	1482
Cora E. Dike, 60 Franklin St. ....	1482
Scattering .....	1
Blanks .....	1517

Charles H. Chase and Cora E. Dike, having received the two highest numbers of votes cast for Trustees of the Public Library (Three Years) were declared elected for three years.

### Trustee of Public Library—One Year

Margaret W. Emerson, Poplar St. ....	1495
Blanks .....	746

Margaret W. Emerson, having received the highest number of votes cast for Trustee of the Public Library (One Year) was declared elected for one year.

### Trustees of Lindenwood Cemetery—Five Years

Charles W. Messer, 356 Main St. ....	1582
Scattering .....	1
Blanks .....	658

Charles W. Messer, having received the highest number of votes cast for Trustee of Lindenwood Cemetery (Five Years) was declared elected for five years.

### Trustee of Lindenwood Cemetery—Three Years

George R. Barnstead, 11 Butler Rd. ....	1575
Blanks .....	666

George R. Barnstead, having received the highest number of votes cast for Trustee of Lindenwood Cemetery (Three Years) was declared elected for three years.

All the requirements of the law having been complied with, it was voted to adjourn to meet in Armory Hall on Tuesday, March 31, 1925, at 7:30 P. M.

### Adjourned Town Meeting—Tuesday, March 31, 1925

In accordance with the vote of adjournment passed March 2, 1925, the inhabitants of the Town of Stoneham, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, met in Armory Hall in said town on Tuesday, March 31, 1925 at 7:30 o'clock in the evening.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Charles A. Owen.

Art. 2. To choose all other necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Art. 2. Voted—That George A. Packard, Leander V. Colahan, and James A. Munro serve as fence viewers for the year ensuing.

Voted—That the selectmen be authorized to appoint all other necessary town officers.

Art. 3. To hear the reports of Town Officers and Committees and to act thereon, and to choose committees.

Report of the committee to nominate members of the Finance and Advisory Board.

We, the undersigned, have nominated the following citizens



to fill the vacancies in the Finance and Advisory Board—Almond H. Smith, Andrew Hacking, Alice V. Peyton.

CLARENCE W. HOUGHTON  
HARRY R. DOCKAM

Committee.

Voted—To accept the report.

Voted, and chose, Almond H. Smith, Andrew Hacking and Alice V. Peyton members of the Finance and Advisory Board for three years.

Report of Committee to nominate members of the Planning Board.

The Committee nominates the following: Charles W. Messer, Harold B. Hayward, Robert A. Newcomb, Grace E. Chapman for three years and Albert P. Rounds for two years.

WILLIAM S. LISTER,  
NELLIE R. STOREY,  
JAMES E. FULTON

Committee

Voted—To accept the report.

Voted to choose the following as members of the Planning Board; Charles W. Messer, Harold B. Hayward, Robert A. Newcomb, Grace E. Chapman for three years and Albert P. Rounds for one year.

Art. 4. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the year ensuing, and make appropriations for the same.

The Finance and Advisory Board reported recommendations in the sum of \$328,489.20 to defray town charges under Article 4. It was voted that the recommendation for salary of Assessors' Clerk be increased from \$800.00 to \$1200.00 and that the recommendation of \$1560.00 for Fire Insurance be increased from that amount to \$2760.00. It was then voted—

That the recommendation of the Finance and Advisory Board as printed, with the above amendments, covering a total of \$330,089.20, be raised and appropriated to cover town charges for the ensuing year as follows: \$15,000.00 to be appropriated from surplus revenue (Excess and Deficiency Account) and \$315,089.20 be raised and appropriated; also that the sum of \$2,047.71 received as a premium on the sale of the High School Bonds be appropriated to apply on the payment of such bonds as mature in the year 1925.

Voted—That the above amount be expended as follows.

Moderator, Salary .....	\$	25.00
Selectmen, Salaries .....		300.00

Selectmen, Expenses .....	500.00
Town Accountant, Salary .....	1500.00
Town Accountant, Expenses .....	200.00
Treasurer and Collector, Salary .....	1800.00
Treasurer and Collector, Expenses .....	500.00
Assessors' Salaries .....	1200.00
Assessors' Clerk, Salary .....	1200.00
Assessors' Expenses .....	250.00
Street Lists .....	500.00
Interest .....	13,000.00
Debt .....	17,952.29
Fire Insurance .....	2,760.00
Election Expenses .....	600.00
Registrars' Salaries .....	100.00
Legal Expenses (Including Spot Pond Case \$8,500.00) .....	10,000.00
Reserve Fund .....	1,000.00
Town Clerk, Salary .....	800.00
Town Clerk Expenses .....	150.00
Town Offices, Rent .....	1,140.00
Town Offices, Telephone, Lights, etc. ....	400.00
Town Offices, Janitor .....	150.00
State Census .....	500.00
School Department .....	125,000.00
Trade Schools .....	150.00
Americanization School .....	500.00
Financial Expenses .....	75.00
Emergency Clerk .....	450.00
Armory Expenses .....	2,584.00
Police Department .....	18,000.00
Fire Department .....	16,000.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures, Salary .....	200.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures, Expenses .....	75.00
Town Scales, Rent of Land .....	1.00
Board of Health, General Expense .....	1,200.00
Board of Health, Salaries .....	300.00
Board of Health, Agent .....	50.00
Board of Health, Sanitary Agent .....	50.00
Board of Health, Comfort Station .....	200.00
Board of Health, Care of Dump .....	200.00
Board of Health, Milk Inspector .....	100.00
Board of Health, Plumbing Inspector .....	400.00
Board of Health, Animal Inspector .....	200.00
Building Inspector, Salary .....	100.00
Building Inspector, Expenses .....	20.00
Highways, Sidewalks, Catch Basins and Drains .....	32,000.00

Macadam Roads, Repairs .....	4,500.00
Concrete Sidewalks, Repairs .....	3,000.00
Vacations for Laborers .....	750.00
Breaking Snow .....	4,000.00
Street Signs .....	450.00
Street Railings .....	300.00
Sewer Services .....	3,500.00
Sewer Maintenance .....	4,000.00
Soldiers' Relief .....	4,000.00
Military Aid .....	500.00
State Aid .....	1,100.00
Overseers of the Poor, Salaries .....	300.00
Overseers of the Poor, Expenses .....	40.00
Poor Department .....	16,000.00
Pleasant St. Cemetery .....	75.00
Lindenwood Cemetery .....	3,000.00
Street Lighting .....	8,000.00
Rifle Range for Co. I. 182nd Inf. ....	600.00
Printing Town Reports .....	757.00
Hydrants .....	2,000.00
Vital Statistics .....	100.00
Overdrafts, 1924 .....	10,708.71
Unpaid Bills, 1924 .....	8,026.20
Total .....	\$330,089.20

Voted—that the sum of \$9,177.50 be appropriated from the Reserve for Water Department to be expended as follows: \$7,000.00 for payment of Water Bonds, \$1,877.50 for interest of Water Debt, \$300.00 for salary of Registrar.

Art. 5. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for repairs and decorations of soldiers' graves for the year ensuing.

Voted—That the sum of \$600.00 be raised and appropriated for the decoration and repairs of soldiers' graves for the year ensuing.

Art. 6. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate as authorized in Chapter 115, Section 22, of the General Laws, providing that cities and towns shall care for graves of soldiers and sailors.

Voted—That the sum of \$250.00 be raised and appropriated for the care of the graves of soldiers and sailors for the ensuing year.

Art. 7. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purchase of books and for the



support of the Free Public Library and Reading Room for the year ensuing.

Voted—That the sum of \$4,500.00 be raised and appropriated for the purchase of books and the support of the Free Public Library for the year ensuing.

Art. 8. To see in what manner the town will vote to appropriate the money received from the licenses of dogs.

Voted—That the sum of \$517.96 received from the licenses of dogs in the year 1924 be appropriated for the purchase of books and the support of the Free Public Library for the year ensuing.

Art. 9. To see if the town will authorize its Treasurer to hire money for the use of the town under the direction of the Selectmen.

Voted—That the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1st, 1925 and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable in one year, any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of the said financial year.

Art. 10. To see if the town will vote to pay the premiums on the bonds of the Town Treasurer and Tax Collector; make an appropriation for the same, or do anything in relation thereto.

Voted—That the town do pay the premium on the bonds of the Treasurer and Tax Collector.

Voted—That the sum of \$175.00 be raised and appropriated to pay the premium on the bonds of the Treasurer and Tax Collector.

Art. 11. To see if the town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to retain Counsel for the year ensuing.

Voted—That the Board of Selectmen be authorized to retain counsel for the ensuing year, any expense incurred to be paid from the appropriation for Legal Expenses.

Art. 12. To see what action the town will take in suits for damages brought against the town, and those now pending.

Voted—That the suits for damages brought against the Town and those now pending be referred to the Selectmen with power to settle or defend.

Art. 13. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate to pay the rent of J. P. Gould Post No. 75 G. A. R., the ensuing year.

Voted—That the sum of \$216.00 be raised and appropriated for rent of quarters of J. P. Gould Post No. 75, G. A. R.

Art. 14. To see if the town will vote to oil the streets of the town, or any of them; make an appropriation for the same, or do anything in relation thereto.

Voted—That the subject matter of this article be referred to the Supt. of Public Works.

Art. 15. To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 327 of the Acts of 1904, now General Laws, Chapter 32, Section 85, entitled "An Act to provide for the Pensioning Permanent Members of Police Department and Fire Department in Towns," or do anything in relation to the same.

Voted—That the town accept the provisions of Chapter 327 of the Acts of 1904, now General Laws, Chapter 32, Section 85 entitled "An Act to provide for the Pensioning Permanent members of Police Department and Fire Department in Towns."

Yes 425

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Art. 16. To see if the town will grant the free use of Armory Hall, four nights in the year when not otherwise engaged, to Camp 31, United Spanish War Veterans, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 17. To see if the town will grant the free use of Armory Hall for one evening in the year to the Girl Scouts, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 18. To see if the town will grant the free use of Armory Hall for two evenings in the year to the Visiting Nurse Association, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 19. To see if the town will grant the use of Armory Hall at cost, on five evenings during the ensuing year, when not otherwise engaged, to Stoneham Post 115, American Legion, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 20. To see if the town will vote to grant the free use of the Old Armory to the Stoneham District Boy Scouts or America one night per month when the Armory is not otherwise previously engaged, for the purpose of holding public demonstrations and similar events adequately supervised by officials, such events not to be money-making affairs; or to see what action the town will take in regard to same.

Voted—That the use of Armory Hall be granted upon payment of running expenses as follows:

Camp 31 United Spanish War Veterans	Four nights in the year.
Girl Scouts	One night in the year.
Visiting Nurse Association	Two nights in the year.
Stoneham Post 115, American Legion	Five nights in the year.
Stoneham District, Boy Scouts of America	One night per month.

Art. 21. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate

the sum of three thousand two hundred ninety-four dollars and fifteen cents (\$3,294.15) for the purpose of continuing the work of destroying the eggs, pupae and nests of the Gypsy and Brown Tail Moths in the highways and public lands of the town; and take such action as may be necessary to conform to Chapter 381 of the Acts of 1905, and amendments thereto.

Voted—That the sum of \$3,294.15 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of continuing the work of destroying the eggs, pupae and nests of the Gypsy and Brown Tail Moths in the highways and public lands of the town for the year ensuing.

Art. 22. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purpose of continuing the work of destroying the eggs, pupae and nests of the Gypsy and Brown Tail Moths on private property by the town; all expenditures under this appropriation to be assessed upon owners of property benefited.

Voted—That the sum of \$1,800.00 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of continuing the work of destroying the eggs, pupae and nests of the Gypsy and Brown Tail Moths on private property by the town, all expenditures under this appropriation to be assessed upon owners of property benefited.

Art. 23. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$800.00 for the care of shade trees the ensuing year, or do anything in relation thereto.

Voted—That the sum of \$800.00, be raised and appropriated for the care of shade trees for the year ensuing.

Art. 24. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for new shade trees the ensuing year; or do anything in relation thereto.

Voted—That the sum of \$300.00 be raised and appropriated for new shade trees for the year ensuing.

Art. 25. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for the care and improvement of playgrounds the ensuing year, or do anything in relation thereto.

Voted—That the sum of \$750.00 be raised and appropriated for the care and improvements of playgrounds for the year ensuing.

Art. 26. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to purchase or lease certain parcels of unimproved land for public dump purposes, or do anything in relation thereto.

Voted—That the subject matter of this article be referred to the Board of Health.

Art. 27. To see if the town will authorize the Board of Health to contract for a term of years for the removal and



disposal of ashes, paper and other waste; and also for the removal and disposal of garbage or do anything in relation thereto.

Voted—That the Board of Health be authorized to contract for a term of years, not exceeding three, for the removal and disposal of ashes, paper and other waste except store waste and also for the removal and disposal of garbage for a similar period.

Art. 28. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the removal and disposal of ashes, paper and other waste; and also for the removal and disposal of garbage for the ensuing year.

Voted—That the sum of \$3,500.00 be raised and appropriated for the removal and disposal of ashes, paper and other waste, not to include store waste and that the sum of \$2,000.00 be raised and appropriated for the removal and disposal of garbage for the ensuing year.

Art. 29. To see if the town will vote to reimburse Rufus W. Kendall in the sum of one hundred and three dollars and ninety-three cents (\$103.93), being the amount he has paid to the town, up to and including the year 1923, for taxes erroneously assessed to him.

Voted—That the subject matter of this article be indefinitely postponed.

Art. 30. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00 for the purchase of traffic beacons to be located where needed for proper traffic regulation, or do anything in relation to the same.

Voted—That the sum of \$200.00 be raised and appropriated for the purchase of traffic beacons.

Art. 31. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,500.00 for the purpose of purchasing a new dump truck of 3½ ton capacity complete for Public Works Department, or do anything in relation to the same.

Voted—That the subject matter of this article be indefinitely postponed.

Art. 32. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for the expenses of the Town Planning Board for the ensuing year.

Voted—That the sum of \$250.00 be raised and appropriated for the expenses of the Planning Board for the ensuing year.

Yes 338

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Art. 33. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the use of the Committee on Town History, and take all necessary action in relation to the same.

Voted—That the sum of \$100.00 be raised and appropriated

for the expense of the Committee on Town History for the ensuing year.

Art. 34. To see what sum or sums of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to cover the expense for the celebration of the Two Hundreth Anniversary of Stoneham's incorporation as a town, and to pass all necessary vote or votes in relation to the same.

Voted—That the sum of \$7,000.00 be raised and appropriated for the expense of celebration of the Two Hundreth Anniversary of the town's incorporation.

Yes 643

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Art. 35. To see what disposition, if any, the town will vote to make of the special fund of \$3,980.03 paid to the town by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, under the provisions of Chapter 480 of the Acts and Resolves of 1924, entitled "An Act Providing for the Return to Cities and Towns of Certain Surplus Funds Collected to Provide Suitable Recognition of Those Residents of Massachusetts Who Served in the Army or Navy of the United States During the War with Germany," said sum now being in the hands of the Town Treasurer and, under the provisions of said Chapter 480, "to be appropriated only for the purpose of paying indebtedness or for purposes for which the town may borrow money as specified in sections seven and eight of Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Voted—That the Treasurer be authorized to place the sum of \$3,980.03 paid by the Commonwealth under the provision of Chapter 480 Acts of 1924 at interest, until such time as the town may vote to appropriate said sum for any of the purposes set forth in Section seven and eight of Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Art. 36. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of seven hundred and twenty dollars (\$720.00) or any part thereof, to pay for the annual rental of the quarters now occupied by Stoneham Post 115, American Legion, or do anything in relation thereto.

Voted—That the sum of \$360.00 be raised and appropriated for rent of quarters now occupied by Stoneham Post 115, American Legion.

Art. 37. To see if the town will vote to erect a Hikers Monument with suitable tablets, in honor of the men that went from Stoneham and served in the war with Spain, Philippine insurrection, and China relief expedition, raise and appropriate money therefor, or do anything in relation thereto.

Voted—That the subject matter be referred to a committee of Arthur N. Newhall, Thomas E. McKenna, Lemuel W. Standish,

Charles F. Buck and Claude E. Patch, said committee to report at the next annual Town Meeting.

Voted—That the sum of \$50.00 be raised and appropriated for the expense of this committee.

Art. 38. To see if the town will vote to acquire, by purchase or otherwise, a certain tract or parcel of land situated southerly from Gould Street and easterly from the tracks of the Boston and Maine Railroad, known as the Gould Meadow, so-called, or any part thereof, for playground purposes or as a public park; make an appropriation therefor, either for the purchase of the whole or any part thereof or to cover the expense of a preliminary investigation and survey in the premises; pass any vote or votes in relation to the same or do anything relative thereto.

Voted—That the subject matter of this article be referred to a committee of five, to be appointed by the Moderator, said committee to report at the next annual Town Meeting. Under the foregoing vote the Moderator appointed the following committee: Clarence W. Houghton, William A. Gile, William A. Gar-side, Albert P. Rounds, Rev. Mont M. Thornburg.

Voted—That the sum of \$250.00 be raised and appropriated for this committee.

Art. 39. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars for the purpose of painting the Police and Fire Station, or do anything in relation to the same.

Voted—That the sum of \$200.00 be raised and appropriated for painting the outside trimmings of the Fire and Police Station.

Art. 40. To see if the town will vote to provide for the installation of a police signal system at a cost of \$6,000, make an appropriation therefor, or do anything in relation to the same.

Voted—That the subject matter of this article be indefinitely postponed.

Art. 41. To see if the town will vote to carry additional insurance as a protection against fire on property and buildings belonging to the town; make an appropriation therefor, pass any vote or votes relative thereto, or do anything in relation to the same.

Voted—That the subject matter of this article be referred to a committee of three members, to be appointed by the Moderator, to consider the whole subject of Fire Insurance on town property and report its recommendations and findings to the next annual Town Meeting.

Under the foregoing vote, the Moderator appointed as a committee Ernest L. Young, Denslow V. Hanks and Henry A. Buell.

Art. 42. To see if the town will vote to establish and con-



struct a system of ditches and drains within the limits of the town for the purpose of providing adequate surface drainage for highways, etc., in accordance with the authority given by Section 4, Chapter 83, General Laws, make an appropriation therefor, or do anything in relation to the same.

Voted—That the sum of \$2500.00 be raised and appropriated for the completion of the preliminary survey of the proposed drainage system.

Voted—That the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Health be a committee to carry the foregoing vote into effect.

Art. 43. To see if the town will vote to authorize and instruct the Board of Selectmen to petition the Legislature for authority to establish and construct a drainage system for the purpose of providing better surface or other drainage within the limits of the town and for the purpose of paying the necessary expenses and liability incurred therefor, for legislative authority to borrow a sum or sums of money outside the debt limit authorized by Statute law, for a bond issue to be known as "Town of Stoneham Surface Water Drainage Loan, Act of 1925," or such other designation as shall be determined, or pass any vote or votes relative to the same, or do anything in relation thereto.

Voted—That the subject matter of this article be indefinitely postponed.

Art. 44. To see if the town will vote to instruct and authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the Legislature for authority to incur indebtedness for the purpose of widening and improving its streets and highways, and from time to time to borrow such sums as may be necessary for such purpose to an amount not exceeding \$25,000.00 by issue of bonds or notes therefor, said indebtedness being in excess of the Statutory limit; do anything in relation to same, or pass any vote or votes relative thereto.

Voted—That the subject matter of this article be indefinitely postponed.

Art. 45. To see if the town will vote to resurface with gravel or other material, Mt. Washington Street, from Prospect Street to Washington Street, make an appropriation for the same or do anything in relation thereto.

Art. 46. To see if the town will vote to resurface with gravel or other material, Summerhill Street, or any part thereof, make an appropriation for the same or do anything in relation thereto.

Art. 47. To see if the town will vote to resurface with gravel or other material, Chestnut Road, or any part thereof, make an appropriation for the same or do anything in relation thereto.

Art. 48. To see if the town will vote to resurface with gravel or other material, Cowdrey Road, or any part thereof, make an appropriation for the same or do anything in relation thereto.

Art. 49. To see if the town will vote to resurface with gravel or other material, Oak Street northerly from that portion of said street constructed in 1924 to its junction with Forest Street, make an appropriation for the same or do anything in relation thereto.

Art. 50. To see if the town will vote to resurface with gravel or other material, Cedar Avenue from property of Clifford E. Patten to Maple Street, make an appropriation for the same or do anything in relation thereto.

Art. 51. To see if the town will vote to resurface with gravel or other material, Park Avenue, or any part thereof, make an appropriation for the same or do anything in relation thereto.

Art. 52. To see if the town will vote to resurface with gravel or other material, Hillside Road, or any part thereof, make an appropriation for the same, or do anything in relation thereto.

Art. 53. To see if the town will vote to resurface or repair with gravel, or other material, Harrison Street, or any part thereof; make an appropriation therefor, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 54. To see if the town will vote to resurface or repair with gravel, or other material, North Avenue, or any part thereof; make an appropriation therefor, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 55. To see if the town will vote to resurface or repair with gravel, or other material, Rockland Street, or any part thereof; make an appropriation therefor, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 56. To see if the town will vote to resurface or repair with gravel or other material, Isabella Street, or any part thereof; make an appropriation therefor, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 57. To see if the town will vote to resurface Middle Street from Main to Pine Street, make an appropriation for the same, or do anything in relation thereto.

Art. 58. To see if the town will vote to grade Peabody Road and install curbs on north and south sides at junction of Main Street, raise and appropriate \$750 for that purpose.

Art. 59. To see if the town will vote to grade Middlesex

Road, and gravel the sidewalks, and raise and appropriate \$1500 for same.

Art. 60. To see if the town will vote to grade Rowe Hill Road and raise and appropriate the sum of \$800 for that purpose.

Voted—That the subject matter of these articles be referred to the Superintendent of Public Works, any expense incurred to be taken from the general appropriation for Highways, Catch Basins, Sidewalks and Drains.

Art. 61. To see if the town will vote to resurface or repair Broadway with macadam or other material throughout its extent, or any portion thereof, make an appropriation therefor, or do anything in relation to the same, and to construct gutters of paving or other material on Broadway, throughout its extent, or any part thereof, make an appropriation therefor, or do anything in relation to the same.

Voted—That the sum of \$3,000.00 be raised and appropriated for resurfacing and repairing Broadway.

Art. 62. To see if the town will vote to resurface with macadam Pleasant Street from the Boston & Maine Railroad to Summer Street, make an appropriation therefor, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 63. To see if the town will vote to rebuild the retaining wall and sidewalk on Pleasant Street adjoining the property of William A. Gile, raise and appropriate money therefor or do anything in relation thereto.

Art. 64. To see if the town will vote to grade and resurface with cinders or crushed stone the sidewalk on the northerly side of Mt. Washington Street, from the land of Lucy Vinton heirs to Washington Street, make an appropriation for the same or do anything in relation thereto.

Art. 65. To see if the town will construct a gravel sidewalk on the westerly side of Keene Street from Washington Street Extension, a distance of one hundred and forty (140) feet, raise and appropriate money therefor, or do anything in relation thereto.

Art. 66. To see if the town will vote to construct a sidewalk of cinders or gravel, or other suitable material on the westerly side of Isabella Street northerly from Ferdinand Street to Beacon Street, so-called, make an appropriation for the same, or pass any vote or votes relative thereto.

Art. 67. To see if the town will vote to grade and lay a crushed stone or other material sidewalk on the easterly side of High Street from the northerly bound of land of Elizabeth G. Stingel one hundred (100) feet and abutting land of Susie

Smith, make an appropriation therefor, or do anything in relation thereto.

Art. 68. To see if the town will vote to construct a gravel sidewalk on the easterly side of Park Street from Winthrop Street to dwelling of Thomas Finnegan, raise and appropriate money therefor, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 69. To see if the town will vote to construct a sidewalk of cinders or other material on the westerly side of Perkins Street, abutting property of A. R. Ramsdell and T. J. Munn, make an appropriation therefor, or do anything relative thereto.

Art. 70. To see if the town will vote to construct a sidewalk of cinders or other material on the southerly side of Union Street from Central to Main Street, make an appropriation therefor, or do anything in relation thereto.

Art. 71. To see if the town will vote to construct a sidewalk of cinders or other material on the easterly side of Washington Street from Avon Street to Myrtle Street, make an appropriation therefor, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 72. To see if the town will vote to construct a sidewalk on the easterly side of Main Street from the walk at property of Clarence Haigh, northerly to property of John B. Alley to enable school children to go to school without crossing Main Street; make an appropriation for the same, or do anything in relation thereto.

Voted—That the subject matter of these articles be referred to the Superintendent of Public Works, any expense to be taken from the general appropriation for Highways, Catch Basins, Sidewalks and Drains.

Art. 73. To see if the town will vote to concrete the sidewalk on the southerly side of Cowdrey Street, abutting the lands of William R. Cronin and Fred E. Nickerson for a distance of approximately three hundred and fifteen (315) feet, same to be four (4) feet in width; and the sidewalk on the westerly side of Keene Street, abutting land of Fred E. Nickerson, southerly from the junction of said Cowdrey and Keene Streets, for a distance of thirty-seven (37) feet; under the provisions of Chapter 83, Section 26 of the General Laws, make an appropriation for the same or do anything in relation thereto.

Art. 74. To see if the town will vote to construct a concrete sidewalk on the northerly side of Spring Street from the sidewalk now existing abutting property of Herbert A. Mahn to the northwest corner of Spring and Eustis Streets, thence along the westerly side of Eustis Street a distance of 15 feet under provisions of Chapter 83, Section 26 of the General Laws; make an appropriation for the same or do anything in relation thereto.



Art. 75. To see if the town will vote to concrete sidewalk on the south side of Wilson Road abutting property of Blanche O'Neil, N. S. McPhee, Albert P. Rounds and Richard G. Waters a distance of 440 feet, under the provisions of Chapter 83, Section 26 of the General Laws; make an appropriation for the same, or do anything in relation thereto.

Art. 76. To see if the town will vote to concrete the sidewalk on the westerly side of Congress Street abutting the property of Lester D. Holden, Albert P. Rounds and William B. Connors, a distance of 280 feet, under the provisions of Chapter 83, Section 26 of the General Laws; make an appropriation for the same or do anything in relation thereto.

Art. 77. To see if the town will vote to concrete the sidewalk on the northerly side of Winthrop Street from Lincoln Street to Congress Street; make an appropriation for the same or do anything in relation thereto.

Art. 78. To see if the town will vote to concrete the sidewalk and place edge stones on the northerly side of Gould Street from Boston & Maine Railroad to Oriental Court; make an appropriation for the same or do anything in relation thereto.

Art. 79. To see if the town will vote to concrete the sidewalk on the southerly side of Myrtle Street from Washington Street to Avon Street; make an appropriation for the same, or do anything in relation thereto.

Voted—That the subject matter of these articles be referred to the Superintendent of Public Works under Chapter 83, Section 26 of the General Laws.

Art. 80. To see if the town will vote to accept as public Town Ways the following streets as laid out by the Board of Survey or do anything in relation thereto:—Poplar Street; Butler Rd; Norval Avenue; Whipple Avenue; Cowdrey Road from Lincoln Street to Chestnut Street; Chestnut Street from Maple Street to Cowdrey Road; Parkway Road; Wilson Road.

Voted—That the subject matter of this article be indefinitely postponed.

Art. 81. To see if the town will vote to install hydrants at the following places, raise and appropriate money therefor or do anything in relation thereto. One on Main Street opposite Middle Street; one on Hancock Street opposite Congress Street.

Voted—That the sum of \$200.00 be raised and appropriated for the installation of two hydrants, one on Main Street opposite Middle Street, and one on Hancock Street opposite Congress Street.

Art. 82. To see if the town will vote to lay a water main in and through Parkway southerly from existing main for a distance of 345 feet more or less; raise and appropriate money

therefor by the sale of water bonds or otherwise, pass any vote or votes relative thereto.

Art. 83. To see if the town will vote to lay water main in and through Spring Street easterly from existing main for a distance of 1200 feet, more or less; raise and appropriate money therefor by sale of water bonds or otherwise, pass any vote or votes relative thereto.

Art. 84. To see if the town will vote to lay a water main in and through Rustic Road southerly from existing main for a distance of 275 feet, more or less; raise and appropriate money therefor by sale of water bonds, or otherwise, pass any vote or votes relative thereto.

Voted—That the town do lay water mains as called for under these articles, namely: in and through Parkway, southerly from the existing main, a distance of 345 feet, more or less, in and through Spring Street a distance of 1200 feet, more or less easterly from the existing main and in and through Rustic Road southerly from the existing main, a distance of 275 feet more or less.

Voted—That the expense of laying these water mains be taken from the Water Department Reserve account.

Art. 85. To see if the town will vote to lay a water main in and through Hillside Road westerly from existing main for a distance of 300 feet, more or less; raise and appropriate money therefor by sale of water bonds or otherwise, pass any vote or votes relative thereto.

Voted—That the subject matter of this article be indefinitely postponed.

Art. 86. To see if the town will vote to reconsider the subject matter of Article 22 of the Annual Town Warrant of 1924, whereby it was voted to discontinue a certain part of Tidd Street as a Town Way.

Voted—That the subject matter of this article be indefinitely postponed.

Art. 87. To see if the town will vote to erect a fence on the westerly side of Pine Street from the present northerly end of the Playground fence northerly to the northwesterly corner of Pine and Tidd Streets, for the purpose of closing Tidd Street in accordance with the vote passed at the Annual Town meeting in March, 1924; raise and appropriate the sum of \$520.00 therefor or do anything in relation thereto.

Voted—That the sum of \$500.00 be raised and appropriated to erect a fence on the westerly side of Pine Street from the present northerly end of the Playground fence northerly to the northwesterly corner of Pine and Tidd Streets.

Art. 88. To see if the town will vote to continue the work of blasting the ledge on the easterly side of Spring Street near the residence of Mary Scurto, raise and appropriate money for the same, or do anything in relation thereto.

Voted—That the subject matter of this article be referred to the Superintendent of Public Works.

Art. 89. To see if the town will vote to rebuild the fences on the north and west side of the South School lot, raise and appropriate money therefor, or do anything in relation thereto.

Voted—That the subject matter of this article be indefinitely postponed.

Art. 90. To see if the town will vote to install, renovate or repair sanitariums at the North, South, East, Dean and Center Schools, or in any of said school buildings, make an appropriation therefor, pass any vote or votes relative thereto, or do anything in relation to the same.

Voted—That the subject matter of this article be indefinitely postponed.

Art. 91. To see if the town will vote to renovate and repair the heating apparatus at the North, South, and East Schools, or any of them, make an appropriation therefor, pass any vote or votes relative thereto, or do anything in relation to the same.

Voted—That the subject matter of this article be indefinitely postponed.

Art. 92. To see if the town will vote to grade the grounds adjacent to the new addition to the High School building, at an estimated expense of \$1500, make an appropriation therefor by taking funds now in the hands of the Town Treasurer, arising out of the sale of School Bonds at a premium, or otherwise; pass any vote or votes relative thereto, or do anything in relation to the same.

Voted—That the sum of \$1500.00 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of grading the grounds adjacent to the new addition to the High School Building.

Art. 93. To see if the town will vote to install additional lighting facilities in the Dean School, or to repair and renovate present lights, make an appropriation therefor, pass any vote or votes relative thereto, or do anything in relation to the same.

Voted—That the subject matter of this article be indefinitely postponed.

Art. 94. To see if the town will vote to paint the exterior of the North, South, and East School buildings, or any of them, make an appropriation therefor, or do anything in relation to the same.

Voted—That the sum of \$300.00 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of painting the exterior of the North School.

Art. 95. To see if the town will vote to install automatic sprinklers as a protection against fire in the basement of all or any of the school buildings, make an appropriation therefor, pass any vote or votes relative thereto, or do anything in relation to the same.

Voted—That the subject matter of this article be indefinitely postponed.

Art. 96. To see if the town will vote to instruct the School Committee to furnish transportation for school children residing in the Franklinville section, so-called, and attending school in the first to fourth grades inclusive, four trips daily to and from school, during the school year; make an appropriation therefor, pass any vote or votes relative thereto, or do anything in relation to the same.

Voted—That the subject matter of this article be indefinitely postponed.

Art. 97. To see if the town will vote to erect a four-room school building to accomodate pupils attending the first to fourth grade inclusive, on the lot of land now owned by the town on the south side of Franklin Street near Emerald Court, in the Franklinville district so-called; make an appropriation therefor, or vote to raise a sum or sums of money by issue of town notes or bonds or otherwise to cover expense therefor; pass any vote or votes relative thereto, or do anything in relation to the same.

Voted—That the subject matter of this article be indefinitely postponed.

Art. 98. To see if the town will vote to instruct the School Committee to provide funds to pay tuition of school children of the first to the fourth grades inclusive, residing within the limits of the town, who shall attend school in the City of Melrose; make an appropriation therefor, pass any vote or votes relative thereto, or do anything in relation to the same.

Voted—That the sum of \$1000.00 be raised and appropriated for the tuition of school children of the first to fourth grades inclusive who shall attend school in the city of Melrose.

Art. 99. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to take the necessary steps toward establishing a system of more adequate street lighting in the business section, make an appropriation therefor, or do anything in relation to the same.

Voted—That the subject matter of this article be indefinitely postponed.

Art. 100. To see if the town will vote to authorize the



Selectmen to enter into a contract with the Edison Electric Illuminating Company for all night street lighting service, make an appropriation therefor, or do anything in relation to the same.

Voted—That the subject matter of this article be referred to the Board of Selectmen.

Art. 101. To see if the town will vote to install street lights at the following places, raise and appropriate money therefor or do anything in relation thereto:

One on Pomeworth Street opposite residence of A. J. Alden.

One on Rustic Road opposite residence of A. E. Kenrick.

One on Franklin Street opposite residence of A. V. Wilson.

One on Winthrop Street near residence of Thomas Lannon.

One on Pond Street near residence of Anastasia A. Welch.

One on Franklin Place near residence of Ellen Cody.

One at junction of Washington and Spring Streets.

One on Gould Street opposite Oriental Court.

One on Flint Avenue between Main and Rowe Streets.

One on Broadway about 600 feet east of Main Street.

One on Rowe Hill Road near residence of Irving G. Thompson.

One on Middlesex Road near residence of E. M. Allen.

One at corner of Middlesex and Peabody Roads.

One at corner of West and William Streets and lights at proper intervals on Park Street between Hancock and Maple Streets.

Voted—That the subject matter of this article be referred to the Board of Selectmen, any expense incurred to be taken from the Street Lighting appropriation.

Art. 102. To see if the town will vote to accept Chapter 336 of the Acts and Resolves of 1924, entitled "An Act Relative to Sewer Assessments in the Town of Stoneham," or take any action relative thereto.

Voted—That the town do accept Chapter 336 of the Acts of 1924 entitled "An Act relative to Sewer Assessments in the Town of Stoneham."

Art. 103. To see if the town will vote to accept Chapter 391 of the Acts and Resolves of 1923, entitled "An Act Relative to the Collection of Water Rates," providing that unpaid water rates shall be a lien upon real estate; or take any action relative thereto.

Voted—That the town do accept Chapter 391 of the Acts of 1923 entitled "An Act Relative to the Collection of Water Rates" providing that unpaid water rates shall be a lien upon real estate.

Art. 104. To see what action, if any, the town will take in instructing the Board of Selectmen to revise water rates to large.

users of water for business purposes, to take any action regarding the same or pass any vote or votes relative thereto.

Voted—That the town do authorize the Board of Selectmen to revise the water rates to large users of water for business purposes.

Art. 105. To see if the town will vote to enact a zoning by-law, so-called, under the provisions of Sections 25 to 30 inclusive, of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, to restrict the construction and use of buildings in certain specified districts or zones within the limits of the town, for the promotion of the health, safety, convenience and welfare of the inhabitants of the town and for municipal improvement; make an appropriation therefor, pass any vote or votes relative thereto, or do anything in relation to the same.

Voted—That the proposed Zoning plan, as submitted by the Town Planning Board, be adopted as a Town By-Law.

Yes 291

No 202

Art. 106. To see if the town will vote to construct a sewer in and through Franklin Street, from the existing sewer near the corner of Franklin and Isabella Streets, to Rustic Road, thence in and through Rustic Road to the southerly end thereof, raise and appropriate money by sale of bonds, notes or otherwise, or do anything in relation thereto.

Voted—That the subject matter of this article be indefinitely postponed.

Art. 107. To see if the town will vote to construct a sewer in and through Stevens Street from Franklin Street a distance of 180 feet; raise and appropriate money by sale of bonds, notes or otherwise, or do anything in relation thereto.

Voted—That the town do construct a sewer in and through Stevens Street from Franklin Street a distance of 180 feet at an estimated cost of \$750.00.

Art. 108. To see if the town will vote to construct a sewer in and through Summer Street from the existing sewer southerly to property of Barney Longo a distance of about 200 feet; raise and appropriate money by the sale of bonds, notes or otherwise, or do anything in relation thereto.

Voted—That the town do construct a sewer in and through Summer Street from the existing sewer southerly to property of Barney Longo, a distance of about 200 feet at an estimated cost of \$800.00.

Art. 109. To see if the town will vote to construct a sewer in and through Coolidge Street, so-called, leading westerly from Congress Street, a distance of 300 feet from existing sewer; raise

and appropriate money therefor by sale of sewer bonds or otherwise; or pass any vote or votes relative thereto.

Voted—That the town do construct a sewer in and through Coolidge Street, so-called, leading westerly from Congress Street a distance of 300 feet from the existing sewer at an estimated cost of \$800.00.

Art. 110. To see if the town will vote to construct a sewer in and through Pleasant Street from the present sewer in Franklin Street, northerly to a point near the residence of Herbert F. Knowles, a distance of 200 feet more or less, raise and appropriate money therefor by sale of sewer bonds or otherwise; pass any vote or votes or take any action relative thereto.

Voted—That the town do construct a sewer in and through Pleasant Street from the present sewer in Franklin Street northerly to a point near the residence of Herbert F. Knowles a distance of 200 feet more or less, at an estimated cost of \$1,250.00.

Art. 111. To see if the town will vote to construct a sewer in and through Bow Street from the sewer in Green Street westerly to a point near the residence of Jane Von Dreathen; raise and appropriate money therefor by sale of sewer bonds or otherwise, pass any vote or votes or take any action relative thereto.

Voted—That the subject matter of this article be indefinitely postponed.

Art. 112. To see if the town will vote to construct a sewer in and through West Street from the present sewer therein, northerly to William Street, and in and through William Street easterly to connect with the sewer therein; raise and appropriate money therefor by sale of sewer bonds, or otherwise, pass any vote or votes relative thereto.

Voted—That the town do construct a sewer in and through West Street from the present sewer therein northerly to William Street and in and through William Street easterly to connect with the sewer therein at an estimated cost of \$1,805.00.

Voted—That the sum of \$2,150.00 received from sale of land, be appropriated for the cost of construction of sewers voted under Articles 107-108-109-110-112 and the Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to issue a note or notes to an amount not exceeding \$4,000.00 payable in the year 1931 for the balance of the cost of construction.

Art. 113. To see if the town will vote to construct a drain from the present drain on Summerhill Street, leading from Thompson's Pond, along the southerly side of Summerhill Street to the southeast corner of Summer and Summerhill Streets; raise and appropriate money therefor, or do anything in relation thereto.

Art. 114. To see if the town will vote to construct a culvert at the junction of Mt. Washington Street and Washington Street, make an appropriation for the same or do anything in relation thereto.

Art. 115. To see if the town will vote to construct a drain from the corner of Hancock Street and Chestnut Road, so-called, diagonally, through private land, to Lincoln Street, provided releases of abutting owners are obtained, raise and appropriate money therefor, or pass any vote or votes relative thereto.

Art. 116. To see if the town will vote to install catch basins at the following places; raise and appropriate money for the same or do anything in relation thereto:—

One at the junction of Fuller and Franklin Streets.

Two at the junction of Central and Pomeworth Streets.

Art. 117. To see if the town will vote to construct a sidewalk on the south side of Hancock Street, from the corner of Pine Street, easterly to the existing walk, of gravel or other material of a more permanent character, under provisions of Chapter 83, Section 26 of the Revised Laws; make an appropriation therefor or do anything in relation thereto.

Voted—That the subject matter of these articles be referred to the Superintendent of Public Works, any expense incurred to be taken from the general appropriation for Highways, Catch Basins, Sidewalks and Drains.

Voted—To adjourn.

Adjourned at 12:45 o'clock A. M. Wednesday, April 1, 1925.  
(Minutes of the meeting taken by George A. Packard, Assistant Town Clerk.)



# TOWN OF STONEHAM

## Zoning By-Law

(Adopted by the Voters of the Town at a Town Meeting held on March 31, 1925.)

### ARTICLE I

To promote the health, safety, convenience, and welfare of the inhabitants, to lessen the danger from fire and to improve the town, the construction and use of buildings are hereby regulated, as hereinafter provided.

Section 1. For the purposes of this By-Law, the town of Stoneham is divided into five classes of districts to be known as

1. Class A residence districts.
2. Class B residence districts.
3. Retail business districts.
4. General business districts.
5. Industrial districts.

The class B residence, retail business, general business and industrial districts are indicated on the map which accompanies this by-law, entitled "Town of Stoneham, Mass., Zoning Map" prepared by the Planning Board and filed at the office of the Town Clerk, which map together with all boundary lines and designations thereon, is hereby declared to be a part of this by-law. All other portions of the town are residence A districts, except as otherwise indicated on the map.

Section 2. Residence A Districts. Within any Residence "A" District, except as provided in Article 2, Section 4, no building or premises shall be used and no building or structure shall be erected which is intended or designed to be used, except as provided in Section 10 in whole or in part for any industry, trade, manufacturing or commercial purposes or for any other than the following specified purposes:

1. Single family dwelling.
2. Renting of rooms or furnishing table board in a dwelling occupied as a private residence.
3. The office or studio of a physician, dentist, lawyer, architect, artist, musician, teacher or other professional person residing on the premises provided there is no display visible from the street,

and no advertising except a professional name plate not exceeding nine inches in width and twenty-four inches in length.

4. Customary home occupations, millinery, dressmaking, hair-dressing, manicuring, provided there is no display of goods visible from the street and no exterior advertising except an announcement sign not to exceed nine inches in width and twenty-four inches in length, provided that such occupation shall be carried on only by a person within a dwelling or apartment used by him as a private residence and provided such occupation shall not be carried on in an accessory building.

5. School, library, museum, telephone office, church, parish house, or Sunday School building, farm, truck garden or greenhouse.

6. Private garage for not more than one car in excess of those owned by occupant, provided it shall not house more than three cars.

7. Real estate signs not exceeding 24 in. by 30 in. advertising sale, rental or lease of premises upon which they are located.

8. Accessory purposes such as are proper and usual with residences for one family and are not injurious to a neighborhood as a place for such residences.

9. The keeping of poultry, pigeons, dogs, pigs, or other animals as a business shall not be considered as accessory purposes.

10. An accessory building, or other building if located in rear of principal building with no direct frontage on public or private way shall not be used for residence purposes except for persons employed on premises and their immediate families.

Exceptions—An existing double or duplex house if injured by fire not exceeding 60 per cent, may be reconstructed.

A detached single house may be altered and used as a place of residence for two families, providing the area of the lot complies with the area restrictions for two family houses. A duplex or semi-detached house may be erected provided the area restrictions are as follows: 15 feet from any lot line and 30 feet from any residence building on the same lot.

Building may be altered and premises used for the following purposes: semi-public, philanthropic, charitable or religious institutions, hospital, sanitarium, not including a correctional institution or place of detention, in accordance with Article 2, Section 4.

## HEIGHT

b. The height limit in residence "A" districts shall not exceed 40 feet or two and one half stories.

Exceptions:—Schools and municipal buildings may contain three stories and be 45 feet in height.

The height limit in feet shall not apply to chimneys, ventilators, skylights or tanks, usually carried above the roofs, nor to domes or spires of non-residential buildings.

#### SETBACK AREA

c. In residence "A" districts no part of any building except uncovered steps shall be built, altered, enlarged or removed, within 15 feet of the street line upon which it faces, nor within 10 feet of a side lot line, nor within 20 feet of any other building, not an accessory building, on the same lot. Provided that the board of appeal may give permission, in accordance with Article 2, Section 4 for lesser distances in specific cases where unfavorable topography of the ground makes it extremely difficult to conform to the provisions of this section, or where any parcel of land the boundaries of which have remained unchanged since the passage of this by-law, is of such peculiar size or shape that it is not reasonably possible for the owner to make beneficial use of such parcel in conformity with the provisions of this by-law relating to area and set back lines. In case of duplex or semi-detached house said distances shall be 15 and 30 feet respectively, provided however that cornices may extend 2 feet and chimneys and one story porches may extend 3 1-2 feet nearer lot line, private way or building.

#### RESIDENCE "B" DISTRICTS

Section 3. a. Within any residence "B" District, except as provided in Article II, Section 4, no building or premises shall be used, and no building or structure shall be erected which is intended or designed to be used, except as provided in Section 10, in whole or in part, for any industry, trade, manufacturing or commercial purposes or for any other than the following specified purposes:

1. Any purpose authorized in Residence "A" districts.
2. Double, duplex or group house, boarding, lodging or apartment house.

b. The height limit in residence "B" districts shall not exceed 40 feet or two and one half stories.

Exceptions—Schools and municipal buildings may contain three stories and be 45 feet in height.

The height limit in feet shall not apply to chimneys, ventilators, skylights or tanks usually carried above roofs, nor to domes or spires of non-residential buildings.

c. In residence "B" districts no part of any building except uncovered steps shall be built, altered, enlarged or moved within 15 feet of the street line upon which it faces, nor within 10 feet of a side lot line, nor within 20 feet of any other building not an

accessory building, on same lot. In case of apartment buildings intended for occupancy of more than 2 families said distances shall be 20 and 40 feet respectively provided however that cornices may extend 2 feet and chimneys and one story porches may extend 3 1-2 feet nearer lot line, private way or building. Provided that the board of appeal may give permission in specific cases in accordance with Article 2, Section 4, for lesser distances where unfavorable topography of the ground makes it extremely difficult to conform to the provisions of this section.

Section 4. Retail business—In the Retail Business District no building or premises shall be used and no building or structure shall be erected which is intended or designed to be used for the following purposes: Garage Repair Shop, Public Garage, Gasoline Selling Station, Public Stable, Business Stable, Blacksmith or Horse shoeing shop, Bottling works, Building Material, Storage yard, Coke, Coal or Wood yard, Laundry employing 10 or more persons, Lumber yard, Milk Distributing Station, Carpet or Rug Cleaning—or for any other than the following purposes:

(a) Salesroom, showroom, store or place for the conduct of retail business.

(b) Bank, office, telephone exchange.

(c) Hall, club, theatre, dance hall, dancing school, gymnasium or other place of amusement or assembly.

(d) Hotel, restaurant, public dining room or lunch room.

(e) Any building or use permitted in Residence "A" and "B" District or accessory purposes proper and usual in retail business district.

Section 5. General Business—In the General Business District, new buildings may be constructed and used and buildings may be altered, enlarged, reconstructed and used for General Business and Light Manufacturing, employing electricity for motive power, utilizing hand labor or quiet machinery and processes free from noxious odors, fumes, dust, chemicals or processes dangerous through fire or explosion. This shall not include motor vehicle repair shops.

Section 6. No building, or any part thereof, shall be constructed or used or shall be altered, enlarged or reconstructed for any of the following specified uses:

1. Acetylene gas manufacturing.

2. Ammonia, bleaching powder or chlorine manufacturing.

3. Asphalt manufacturing or refining.

4. Assaying, other than gold or silver.

5. Auto wrecking yard.

6. Blast furnaces.

7. Boiler making.

8. Brass, copper, iron or steel manufacturing.



9. Brick, terra cotta, or tile manufacturing.
  10. Candle manufacturing.
  11. Celluloid manufacturing, treatment or storage.
  12. Cement, lime or plaster of paris manufacturing.
  13. Coke manufacturing.
  14. Cremation, except in a cemetery.
  15. Creosote treatment or manufacturing.
  16. Dextrine, glucose, or starch manufacturing.
  17. Disinfectant, insecticide, or poison manufacturing.
  18. Distillation of boxes, coal or wood.
  19. Dye-stuff manufacturing.
  20. Emery cloth or sandpaper manufacturing.
  21. Enamel, japan, lacquer, oil, paint, shellac, turpentine, or varnish manufacturing.
  22. Explosives, fireworks, or gunpowder manufacturing.
  23. Fat rendering.
- repair shops.
24. Fertilizer manufacturing.
  25. Fish packing or storage.
  26. Gas (heating or illuminating) manufacturing or storage in excess of 1000 cubic feet.
  27. Gasoline, naphtha or petroleum refining or storage in excess of amount necessary for use on premises or in supplying retail trade at service stations.
  28. Gelatine, glue, or sizing manufacturing.
  29. Grease, lard or tallow manufacturing or refining.
  30. Hydrochloric, nitric, picric, sulphur or sulphurous acid manufacturing.
  31. Incineration or reduction of dead animals, garbage, offal, or refuse except in a municipal plant.
  32. Junk, scrap metal, paper or rags; storage, sorting or baling.
  33. Lamp black manufacturing.
  34. Linoleum or oil cloth manufacturing.
  35. Match manufacturing.
  36. Ore reduction.
  37. Pickle, sauerkraut, sausage, or vinegar manufacturing.
  38. Potash refining.
  39. Printing ink manufacturing.
  40. Pyroxylin manufacturing.
  41. Rolling mill.
  42. Salt manufacturing.
  43. Shoe-blackening, cleaning or polish manufacturing.
  44. Slaughtering of animals or fowls.
  45. Smelting of ores.
  46. Soap manufacturing.

47. Soda and soda compounds manufacturing.
48. Stockyards.
49. Stove blacking or polish manufacturing.
50. Sugar refining.
51. Tanning or curing of raw hides or skins or japanning of leather.
52. Tar distillation or manufacturing.
53. Manufacturing of tar roofing or tar waterproofing.
54. Tobacco (chewing) manufacturing.
55. Yeast manufacturing.

Section 7. Industrial District—Existing buildings may be used and altered, enlarged, extended and reconstructed and used for any purposes not prohibited by Section 6, also for any accessory purposes that are proper and usual in an industrial district and are not injurious to a neighborhood as an industrial district and for any uses and accessory purposes permitted or not permitted in Residence Districts "A", "B", Retail and General Business Districts.

Section 8. Non-Conforming Uses—Any use existing in any building at the time of passage of this by-law may be continued in the same building or the same part thereof, although not conforming to the use regulations of the district in which such building is located. But no non-conforming use shall be changed, moved or extended and no building devoted to a non-conforming use or uses in whole or in part shall be structurally or substantially altered or reconstructed or in any way enlarged or extended unless such non-conforming use or uses are changed to a use or uses authorized in the district in which the building is located as hereinafter provided.

Section 9. A non-conforming use may be extended or moved in any building provided that the building is not structurally or substantially changed and provided also that in a residence or commercial district a non-conforming use is not extended or moved to any building designed, arranged, or extended to a conforming use.

Section 10. Where a non-conforming building is destroyed or damaged to such an extent that restoration to its condition before being damaged would cost more than sixty per cent of the cost to reproduce new the entire building, it shall not be restored or reconstructed unless the building and all its uses shall be made to conform to the use regulations of the district in which the building is located, unless the Inspector of Buildings and Board of Appeal grant permission to restore or reconstruct the building, and to continue any non-conforming use therein in accordance with procedure provided in Article II, Section 4, of this by-law.

Section 11. Vision Clearance on Corner Lots in Residence "A"

and "B" districts. On a corner lot no fences, wall or structure, planting or foliage more than 3 1-2 feet in height above the plane of the established grades of the streets shall be erected in any part of a front or side yard herein established, that is included within the street lines at points which are twenty feet distant from their point of intersection measured along said street lines which will materially obstruct the view of a driver of a vehicle approaching a street intersection.

Section 12. Vision clearance on corner lots in Retail Business, general Business and Industrial districts.

On a corner lot, no fences, wall or structure, planting or foliage more than 3 1-2 feet in height above the plane of the established grade of the streets shall be erected in any part of a front or side yard herein established, that is included within the street lines at points which are ten feet distant from their point of intersection, measured along said street lines, which will materially obstruct the view of a driver of a vehicle approaching a street intersection. This shall not apply to structures above the first story.

Section 13. Temporary Permits—In undeveloped sections of the town and in built up sections where some good reason exists, the Board of Appeal may grant temporary and conditional permits for a period of not more than one year at a time, subject to a single renewal for buildings and uses which do not conform to use regulations of the district, provided that such permits are made subject to such conditions as shall safeguard the character of the district and are granted in accordance with procedure provided in Article 2, Section 4, of this by-law.

Section 14. Special Permits—Every request for a building permit in a location which does not abut on a street which is laid out and accepted as a traveled way, or which has not been built to subgrade, so that said way or street is passable for fire apparatus and other teaming, or which abuts on a street or way in which there is no public sewer or in which there is no water available for connection with the building after completion, shall be referred to the Board of Appeal.

Upon receipt of such application said Board shall within a reasonable time thereafter, examine the said premises and after said examination shall issue a report, a copy of which shall be submitted to the person or persons applying for the permit, which said report shall state the possibility of water connection, sewer service or the construction of an accepted way abutting said premises. A copy of said report shall be kept on file in the office of the Inspector and after said report has been rendered, said

Inspector may issue a permit, if the plans and specifications comply with all existing requirements.

Section 15. Occupancy Permits—No vacant land and no building hereafter erected or altered shall be occupied or used in whole or in part for any purpose whatsoever, and no change of use shall hereafter be made on any land or in any building or part thereof, until a certificate of occupancy and compliance shall have been issued by the Inspector of Buildings and in case of dwellings and buildings accessory to dwellings also by the Chairman of the Board of Health, stating that the building and—or use complies with the provisions of this by-law, other by-laws or state laws.

Applications for certificates of occupancy and compliance shall be filed coincident with the application for building permits and shall be issued or refused in writing for cause within five days after the Inspector of Buildings has been notified in writing that the erection or alteration of such buildings has been completed. A record of all certificates shall be kept on file in the office of the Inspector of Buildings and copies shall be furnished upon request to any person having a proprietary or tenancy interest in the property. Buildings accessory to dwellings when completed at the same time shall not require a separate certificate of occupancy. Pending the issuance of a regular certificate, a temporary certificate may be issued for a period not exceeding six months, during the completion of alterations or during partial occupancy of a building pending its completion. Such certificate shall not be issued except under such restrictions and provisions as will adequately insure the safety of occupants. No temporary certificate shall be issued prior to its completion, if the building fails to conform to the provisions of the building laws and state laws or of this by-law to such a degree as to render it unsafe for the occupancy proposed.

Section 16. Boundary Lines—The boundaries of the district are the side lines of streets, property or lot lines or other lines shown on map accompanying this by-law.

Where boundaries are indicated as property or lot lines and the exact measurements are not defined, the true location shall be the boundary lines. Where boundary lines are fixed by distance from street property or lot lines such measurements shall control.

Where any uncertainty exists as to exact location of boundary line the location shall be determined by the Inspector of Buildings provided however, that any persons affected by this decision may appeal to the Board of Appeal in the manner provided in Article 2, Section 4.

Section 17. This by-law shall not be amended or repealed



until after public notice shall have been given by publication in all newspapers published in Stoneham and in no case except by a two-thirds vote of a Town meeting held for the purpose.

Every article inserted in the warrant relating to any proposed amendment or repeal of this by-law shall be referred to the Planning Board for consideration and report.

## ARTICLE II

### Section 1. Administration.

a. The building inspector appointed under provision of the Building by-law shall execute the provisions of this by-law.

b. He shall grant no permit for the construction, erection, removal or alteration of any building or structure which is designed or intended to be used for a purpose in violation of this by-law.

c. He shall, upon granting a permit, not later than twelve hours thereafter cause a copy to be posted on the property to which it relates in a conspicuous location thereon.

d. He shall issue no permit for the construction, erection, alteration or removal of any building until after ten days from the time of filing of application.

e. If the Inspector shall be informed or knows that any provision of this by-law has been, or is being violated he shall inspect the property where violation exists. If he shall find any such violation he shall give notice in writing to the owner or his authorized agent and to the occupant of premises that any use of building or structure contrary to this by-law shall immediately cease. If after such notice the building or structure is used contrary to provisions of this by-law or if any owner or occupant fail to obey a lawful order of the Inspector in respect to any violation of this by-law he may revoke the permit for occupation of the premises and shall make complaint to the court having jurisdiction thereof or apply to the Superior Court for an injunction or order restraining the further use of premises and shall take any and all such action as may be necessary to enforce this by-law.

## BOARD OF APPEAL

Section 2. There shall be a Board of Appeal consisting of 5 members, which shall have all the powers and authority and be subject to all the duties as provided in Section 27 A. of Chapter 40 of the General Laws as passed March 24, 1924.

Section 3. Forthwith upon the passage of these by-laws the Selectmen shall appoint five members, one of such members to be nominated by the Board of Survey and one nominated by the Planning Board, one nominated by the Board of

Health, one nominated by the Board of Assessors and one nominated by the Park Commission. When said Board is first constituted the terms of the members shall be as follows. Members nominated by Planning Board and Board of Health two years. Members nominated by Board of Assessors and Park commission one year. Member nominated by Board of Survey three years, said terms to begin on May 1 next succeeding the passage of these by-laws. Thereafter, as the term of any member expires, or his office becomes vacant from any cause, his successor shall be nominated and appointed in the same way in which such office was originally filled and for the term of three years.

Members of said Board of Appeal shall be residents of Stoneham, shall hold office during such residence until their successors are duly qualified and may be removed after hearing, by the Selectmen.

A chairman of said Board and in his absence an acting chairman shall be chosen by and from the members thereof. No member shall act in any case in which he is interested financially or otherwise.

The Board shall make such rules and regulations as it deems expedient.

Section 4. Any person aggrieved by an order, act, or refusal of the Building Inspector, and any property owners aggrieved by the granting of a permit who have a personal interest therein may, within ten days from the date when notice of said order is delivered appeal therefrom to the Board of Appeal by delivering written notice to the Inspector and Board of Appeal. The Board of Appeal shall hold a public hearing thereon after posting a notice upon the property with respect to which the appeal is filed and send a written notice to owners of property within 300 feet of the boundaries thereof and to such other persons as may appear to the Board to be affected.

Section 5. After hearing as provided in Section 4. the Board shall affirm, reverse or modify the order, act, or refusal appealed from. The Board may vary or modify the application of building and zoning by-laws in accordance with their true purpose and intent, or when a literal interpretation would result in manifest injustice provided, that no such decision shall conflict with the spirit of said by-laws. Any decision to reverse or modify the order, act or refusal appealed from shall require the unanimous vote of the Board. In case of the inability of any member to act the Board of Selectmen may designate some person to act temporarily in his place.

Each decision shall specify the variations and exceptions allowed, if any, and the reasons therefor, and a certified copy

shall be delivered to each party in interest within 10 days after the decision.

Section 6. Exceptions under Specific Rules. When in its judgment the public welfare will be substantially served or the appropriate use of neighboring property will not be substantially injured, the Board of Appeal may in a specific case after public notice and hearing and subject to appropriate safeguards determine and vary district regulations in harmony with their general purpose and intent as follows:

1. Permit the extension of a nonconforming use or building upon the lot occupied by such use or building at the time of the passage of these By-Laws.

2. Permit the extension of a building or use into a more restricted district immediately adjacent thereto but not more than 50 feet beyond the boundary line of the district in which such building or use is authorized.

Section 7. The invalidity of any section or provision of this by-law shall not affect the validity of any other section or provision thereof.

Section 8. Nothing herein contained shall be constructed so as to repeal or nullify any existing by-law or regulation of the Town but shall be in addition thereto. Where the subject matter herein contained is elsewhere regulated the more stringent provision shall prevail.

Section 9. For the purpose of this by-law, certain words and terms used herein are hereby expressly defined:

1. **Private Garage.** A garage solely for private use and having no business connected therewith.

2. **Public Garage** A garage conducted as a business.

3. **Gasoline Selling Station.** A building, part of a building, lot, or part of a lot, used in connection with tanks, pumps, or other appliances for supplying motor vehicles with gasoline, compressed air, oil, water and similar supplies, but not for the purpose of making repairs, storing or parking motor vehicles.

5. **Garage Repair Shop.** A part of a garage where minor structural repairs are made to motor vehicles for profit by means of lathes, vises, and other appliances, but not by means of heavy machinery.

6. **Motor Vehicle Repair Shop.** A building or part of a building in which repairs are made to motor vehicles, or a repair shop in a garage or other building in which heavy machinery is used. An automobile school or motor vehicle paint shop shall be regarded as a motor vehicle repair shop.

7. **Business Stable.** A building or part of building, in which one or more horses belonging to the owner or tenant of the premi-

ses are kept and used in connection with the business of the owner or tenant for other purposes than sale, rent or hire.

8. **Public Stable.** The term "Public Stable" means any stable not included within the definition of a business stable.

9. **Non-Conforming Building.** A non-conforming building is a building the use or construction of which does not conform in whole or in part to the use or construction regulations of the district in which the building is located.

10. **Non-Conforming Use.** A non-conforming use is a use which does not conform to the use regulations of the district in which such use exists or might be introduced.

11. **Street.** A street is a public way or a way opened and dedicated to the public use which has not become a public way, except alleys; and shall be synonymous with "Roads", "Avenues", "Highways," and "Parkways" and other terms commonly applied to public ways.

12. **Family.** A group of persons living together whether related by birth or not, and may consist of one or more persons.

13. **Dwelling.** Any building not a lodging house, tenement house, boarding house or hotel, all or any part of which is occupied as the home or residence of an individual or family, or of two or more families or individuals, living independently of each other, and whether built singly or as a part of a two family or a multiple dwelling, and whether using independent or common entrances and halls, stairways or cellar.

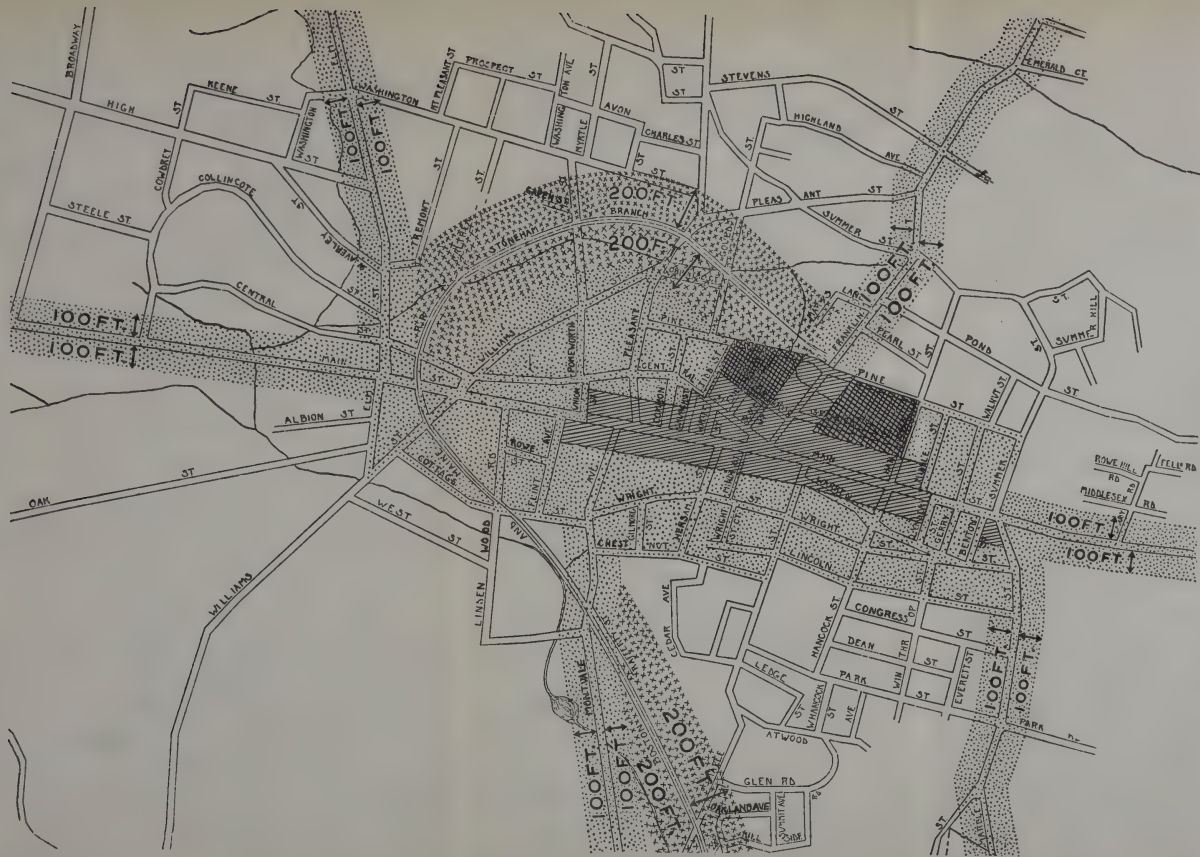
14. **Single Family Dwelling.** A dwelling built singly and apart from any other building and designed and used exclusively for residential purposes by one family or individual.

15. **Two Family Dwelling.** A dwelling built singly and apart from any other building and having a separate kitchen or kitchenette for each suite and designed and used exclusively for residential purposes by two families or individuals. Duplex having one apartment over the other, semi detached or double side by side divided by a party wall.

16. **Multiple Dwelling.** A dwelling or building designed and used exclusively for residential purposes by more than two families, each suite having an independent entrance from the ground and halls, but no connection with each other except in such portion as may be a two family dwelling and divided from one another by party walls or floors or both.

17. **Apartment House.** Is a building arranged or intended or designed to be occupied by three or more families living independently of each other, and doing their cooking upon the premises, or by three or more individuals or groups of individuals







living independently but having a common heating system and a general dining room.

18. **Structure.** Anything constructed or erected, the use of which demands a permanent location in the soil or attached to something having a permanent location in the soil.

19. **Lot.** A parcel of land which is or may be occupied by a building and accessory buildings including open spaces required under the by-laws.

20. **Street Line.** The line dividing the street from private property.

21. **Street Width.** The measured distance between street lines.

22. **Lot Line.** The established division line between parcels of property public or private.

23. **Setback or Line of Setback.** The distance from the street line to part of structure nearest the street measured at right angles to the street line, not including porches, cornices, walls and fences.

24. **Height of a Building.** The vertical distance above the top of foundation at the street frontage of the lot to the extreme high point of a building or structure.

25. **Height Limit.** A fixed vertical distance taken at the top of foundation.

Boston, Mass., April 27, 1925.

The foregoing by-law is hereby approved with the exception of—

Article 1. Section 2 as indicated, viz—by striking out the words “premises” wherever it occurs in said section, and by striking out the words, “extremely” and the phrase “of the grounds”, wherever the same occurs in said section.

Article 1, Section 3 (a) as indicated, viz—by striking out the words “premises” in the third line, and in Article 1, Section 3 (c) by striking out the word “extremely” and the phrase “of the ground”.

Article 1, Section 4, as indicated, viz—by striking out the word “premises” in the third line.

Article 1, Section 6—disapproved.

Article 1. Section 7—disapproved.

Article 1. Section 11—as indicated, viz—by striking out the words “planting or foliage” in the fourth and fifth lines.

Article 1, Section 12—as indicated, viz—by striking out the words “planting or foliage” in the fifth line of said section.

Article 1, Section 15—as indicated, viz—by striking out in the second line the words “no vacant land”.

Attorney-General.

Jay R. Benton,

This is to certify that I have delivered in person a copy of the Town of Stoneham Zoning By-Laws, adopted by the voters of the town, at a town meeting held by adjournment on March 31, 1925, to each and every occupied dwelling or apartment within the limits of said Town of Stoneham, in accordance with the provisions of Section 32 of Chapter 40, of the General Laws of Massachusetts.

I further certify that I was duly employed by the proper authorities of said Town of Stoneham to make delivery as aforesaid, and that said work of delivery was begun by me on the first day of May, A. D. 1925 and completed on the eighteenth day of May, A. D. 1925.

Stoneham, Mass., May 18, 1925.

Alson Ackert

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex ss

Sworn to and subscribed before me this eighteenth day of May, 1925.

Charles A. Owen, Justice of the Peace.

My commission expires Nov. 25, 1931.

Received and filed May 18, 1925 at 10 o'clock A. M.

Charles A. Owen

Town Clerk of Stoneham, Mass.

A true copy Attest Charles A. Owen

Town Clerk.



## TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

**Regulations for use of Hackney Carriages and Motor Vehicles for carrying persons for hire within the limits of the Town of STONEHAM, adopted by the Board of Selectmen March 10, 1925.**  
**ORDERED:—**

That the following rules and regulations be and hereby are adopted under the authority of Chapter 40, Section 22, of the General Laws.

Section 1. Hackney carriages and motor vehicles, including so-called taxi cabs, whether on wheels or runners or darwn or propelled with either animal or motor power, operating within the limits of the Town of Stoneham for the conveyance of persons for hire from place to place within said town, other than over regular routes or between fixed termini, shall be subject to these regulations.

No such vehicle shall be operated within the limits of the town, without first obtaining a license therefor from the Selectmen, who may assign a stand therefor.

Section 2. The Board of Selectmen may, from time to time, grant such licenses upon such terms and conditions as they may deem expedient, and the fee for each license so granted shall be \$1.00 for each vehicle.

Section 3. Any license granted hereunder shall expire on the first day of May next ensuing, and shall be subject to revocation at any time.

Section 4. All such vehicles shall be reasonably safe for the proper carrying of passengers, and the Selectmen, after granting a license to any person, firm or corporation hereunder may prohibit the licensee from operating any vehicle, which, in the opinion of the Selectmen, is an improper or unsafe vehicle for the carrying of passengers.

Section 5. No stand for any vehicle shall be allowed in front of any premises, without the consent of the owner or occupant of said premises.

Section 6. If a licensee hereunder shall be authorized to operate more than one vehicle, he shall have the license for each vehicle, and each vehicle so licensed shall have the license therefor framed, and posted within a conspicuous place.

Section 7. Every driver of a vehicle so licensed shall remain near it while it is unemployed, and shall at all times when in charge of such vehicle wear a metallic badge with the license number thereon, prominently exposed, of a uniform design, approved by the Selectmen.

Section 8. No vehicle shall be driven by a minor, unless he shall be specially licensed.

Section 9. The rate of fare charged by licensees hereunder shall be governed by fare zones with the center or starting point in Stoneham Square.

Section 11. The penalty for a breach of any of the foregoing rules and regulations shall be a fine not exceeding \$20.00 and violation of any of the provisions contained herein shall be just cause for revocation of the license.

The Selectmen shall establish the rates of fare for the conveyance of passengers and baggage, and may revise the same at pleasure, and such rate shall be on file at the office of the Town Clerk. Every licensee shall at all times carry with him his license, a copy of these rules and regulations and of the rates of fare established by the Selectmen, and shall exhibit them to any passenger or police officer on demand.

Section 10. No licensee hereunder shall demand or receive any more than the price or rate established by the Selectmen under the authority of the preceding section, or shall unreasonably refuse to carry any passenger from place to place within the limits of the town.

Voted-That the above rules and regulations be printed for two successive weeks in the local press, the last publication to be March 20, 1925, to become effective March 20, 1925 and to be filed thereupon within ten days from said date with the Town Clerk.

## TOWN MEETING, MONDAY JULY 20, 1925

Agreeable to a warrant signed by the Selectmen, July 7, 1925 the inhabitants of the Town of Stoneham, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, met in Armory Hall on Monday July 20, 1925 at eight o'clock in the evening.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator Ralph R. Patch and the warrant read.

Article 1. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to continue the work of repairing Broadway, as voted under Article 61 of the Annual Town Warrant for 1925, or do anything in relation to the same.

Voted—That the sum of \$500.00 be raised and appropriated for continuing the work of repairing Broadway as voted under Article 61 of the Annual Town Warrant for 1925.

Article 2. To see if the town will vote to repair or resurface Ledge Street, raise and appropriate money therefor, or do anything in relation thereto.

Voted—That the subject matter of this article be referred to the Superintendent of Public Works, any expense incurred to be taken from the General Highway appropriation for 1925.

Article 3. To see if the town will vote to install a street light at the corner of Ledge Street and Grandview Avenue, raise and appropriate money therefor or do anything in relation thereto.

Voted—That the subject matter of this article be referred to the Board of Selectmen, any expense incurred to be taken from the general appropriation for Street Lighting for 1925.

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to construct a concrete sidewalk on the easterly side of Green Street, abutting the property of William F. Wilson and Eva M. Wilson, under the provisions of Chapter 83, Section 26, of the General Laws, raise and appropriate money therefor or do anything in relation thereto.

Voted—That the town do construct a sidewalk on the easterly side of Green Street abutting the property of William F. Wilson and Eva M. Wilson under provisions of Chapter 83, Section 26, of the General Laws.

Voted—That the sum of \$60.00 be raised and appropriated for the construction of the sidewalk provided for in the foregoing vote.

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to construct a concrete sidewalk on the northerly side of Hersam Street, abutting the property of Norman P. Hersam, under the provisions of Chapter 83, Section 26, of the General Laws, raise and appropriate money therefor or do anything in relation thereto.

Voted—That the subject matter of this article be referred to the Superintendent of Public Works under Chapter 83, Section 26 of the General Laws.

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to install curbings of granite or other material at the junction of Maple and Lincoln Streets, raise and appropriate money therefor or do anything in relation thereto.

Voted—That the subject matter of this article be referred to the Superintendent of Public Works under Chapter 83, Section 26, of the General Laws.

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to rebuild the fence on the easterly boundary line of the Dean School property, abutting the land of Annie T. Doucette and others, raise and appropriate money therefor or do anything in relation thereto.

Voted—That the subject matter of this article be referred to the School Committee, any expense incurred to be taken from the General School appropriation for 1925.

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to construct a sewer in and through Pleasant Street from the terminus of the sewer authorized under Article 110 of the Annual Town Warrant for 1925, a distance of 250 feet, more or less, to a point opposite the land of Wallace Woodward, raise and appropriate money therefor by sale of Sewer Bonds or otherwise; pass any vote or votes or take any action relative thereto.

Voted—That the subject matter of this article be indefinitely postponed.

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to construct a sewer in and through Franklin Street, from the existing sewer near the junction of Franklin and Isabella Streets, to Rustic Road, thence in and through Rustic Road to the southerly end thereof, raise and appropriate money therefor by sale of Sewer Bonds or otherwise; pass any vote or votes, or do anything in relation thereto.

Voted—That the subject matter of this article be indefinitely postponed.

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for expenses of the Board of Selectmen.

Voted—That the sum of \$100.00 be raised and appropriated for the expenses of the Board of Selectmen.

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for the expenses of the Board of Appeal.

Voted—That the sum of \$100.00 be raised and appropriated for the expenses of the Board of Appeal.

Article 12. To see if the town will vote to amend paragraph



"d" Section 1, Article II, of the Zoning By-Law by striking out the word "ten" and inserting in the place thereof the word "seven," so that the paragraph will read, "He shall issue no permit for the construction, erection, alteration or removal of any building until after seven days from the time of filing application."

Voted—That paragraph "d" Section 1, Article 2 of the Zoning By-Law be amended by striking out the word "ten" and inserting in the place thereof the word "seven" so that the paragraph will read "He shall issue no permit for the construction, erection, alteration or removal of any building until seven days from the time of filing application."

Article 13. To see if the town will vote to amend Section 4, Article II, of the Zoning By-Law, relative to the duties of the Board of Appeal, by striking out the final sentence of said Section 4, and inserting in the place thereof the following: "The Board of Appeal shall hold a public hearing thereon after posting notice upon the property with respect to which the appeal is filed, and serving a written notice delivered by mail, postpaid, to the petitioner and to the owners of all property in the immediate vicinity deemed by the Board to have interest therein, or to be affected thereby, as they appear on the most recent tax list; and notice of said hearing shall also be advertised in a newspaper published in the Town of Stoneham;" so as to conform to the provisions of Chapter 133 of the Acts of 1924.

Voted—That Section 4 of Article 2 of the Zoning By-Law be amended by striking out the final sentence of said section 4 and inserting in the place thereof the following:

"The Board of Appeal shall hold a public hearing thereon after posting notice upon the property with respect to which the appeal is filed, and sending a written notice delivered by mail, postpaid, to the petitioner and to the owners of all property in the immediate vicinity deemed by the Board to have interest therein, or to be affected thereby, as they appear on the most recent tax list; and the notice of said hearing shall also be advertised in a newspaper published in the Town of Stoneham" so as to conform to the provisions of Chapter 133 of the Acts of 1924.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to amend paragraph "c," Section 2 of Article 1, of the Zoning By-Law, relative to "set back area," by adding at the conclusion of the first sentence therein the following: "Except that a private garage, as defined herein, may be erected in accordance with the existing provisions of Statute Law and the Rules and Regulations of the Department of Public Safety Governing the Construction and Maintenance of Garages in the Metropolitan Fire Prevention District."

Voted—That the subject matter of this article be indefinitely postponed.

Article 15. To see if the town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Law so as to extend the retail business district southerly from its present limit, as indicated on the Zoning map filed with the Town Clerk, through Main Street to its junction with Marble Street and Summer Street and in addition thereto a distance of 125 feet westerly from Main Street on the northerly side of Marble Street; or otherwise amend said Zoning By-Law or do anything in relation thereto.

Voted—That the Zoning By-Law be amended by creating a retail business district at the junction of Main and Marble Streets, said district to be bounded as follows:

Northerly by Benton Street; easterly by Main Street; southerly by Marble Street, and westerly by a line parallel to and 105 feet distant from Main Street running from Benton Street to Marble Street.

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Law so as to extend the retail business district northerly from its present limit, as indicated on the Zoning map filed with the Town Clerk, through Main Street to a point 425 feet north of the northerly side of Elm Street; or otherwise amend said Zoning By-Law or do anything in relation thereto.

Voted—That the subject matter of this article be indefinitely postponed.

The amendments passed under articles 12, 13, and 15, were carried by unanimous vote.

Voted—To adjourn.

## REPORT ON TOWN ARTICLES

### By Planning Board

Honorable Board of Selectmen,  
Stoneham, Massachusetts.  
Gentlemen:

On July 10, in accordance with Section 17 of Article 1 of the Zoning By-Law, you referred to the Planning Board five proposed amendments to the Zoning By-Law, being Articles 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16 in the town warrant of July 7, 1925. The Planning Board has considered these articles and submits the following report:

**Article 12** is a proposed amendment reducing the period for issuing a building permit from ten to seven days. This change is recommended by the Building Inspector. After consideration, the Planning Board is of the opinion that the seven days' period is sufficient and reports that it is the opinion of the Planning Board that the recommendation of the Building Inspector be followed and the proposed amendment passed by the town.

**Article 13** is a proposed amendment recommended by the Board of Appeal and relates to notice of public hearings by that Board. At present the Board of Appeal is required to send written notice to owners of property within 300 feet of the boundaries of the property affected by the appeal. The Board of Appeal has found that this involves much clerical work and expense, that notice is often given to persons having no interest in the appeal and that, in the opinion of the Board, ample notice will be provided for under the proposed amendment. After consideration, the Planning Board is of the opinion that the proposed amendment provides for sufficient notice of public hearings on the appeals and that the recommendation of the Board of Appeal be followed and the amendment passed by the town.

**Article 14** is a proposed amendment making a garage an exception to a "set back area." It would allow a garage to be built flush with the sidewalk, or on a neighbor's line possibly in front of his windows or by his front yard. It violates the entire spirit of the Zoning Law, would be a detriment to owners of homes and vacant real estate. In certain cases, where a garage ought to be built outside the "set back area" a permit may be granted by the Board of Appeal. After consideration, the Planning Board is unanimously opposed to the passage of the proposed amendment.

Particular cases, where a person wants to build a garage outside the "set back area," should be left to the Board of Appeal and the Planning Board believes that the Board of Appeal

will act fairly both as to the person who wants to build the garage and to the adjoining owners. The Planning Board reports that in its opinion the passage of the proposed amendment would violate the spirit of the Zoning Law, would be a detriment to owners of property and that it is unanimously opposed to its passage.

Article 15 is a proposed amendment extending the retail business district from Linden street to Marble street and 125 feet along the northerly side of Marble street. The Planning Board has held three meetings on this proposed amendment, the owner Solomon Segel and his counsel appearing before the Board on several occasions. The plan as first presented to the Board showed a building of eight stores, the northerly side of the building being flush with the sidewalk on Benton street, turning at right angles and running flush with the sidewalk on Main street, then making a turn at the corner and running flush with the sidewalk along Marble street. Mr. Segel's proposition was to give the town about 80 square feet where the building made the turn. This construction would have made the widening of Main street and the proper rounding of the corner extremely expensive. The corner of Main and Marble streets is considered one of the most dangerous corners in the town. After further conferences Mr. Segel has agreed to set his building five feet back on Main street and make more of a curve on the corner, a curve running well down Marble Street and give to the town the land covered by the five foot set back and outside the curve. It is also agreed that only Mr. Segel's land be covered by the proposed amendment and the following amendment has been agreed upon by Mr. Segel and the Planning Board to be submitted to the town in place of the one in the town warrant.

Proposed amendment: That the town create a retail business district at the junction of Main and Marble streets, said district to be bounded as follows:

Northerly by Benton street, Easterly by Main street, South-erly by Marble street, and Westerly by a line parallel to and 105 feet distant from Main street running from Benton to Marble street."

In view of the fact that Mr. Segel obtained his original permit prior to the approval of the Zoning Law by the Attorney General that the town under the present plan will be given the opportunity to properly round this corner, making it safe for traffic and that there appears to be a general sentiment that stores should be located at this corner, the Board recommends the passing of the foregoing amendment as agreed by the Board and Mr. Segel and counsel. The whole proposition is not an



entirely satisfactory one but it is the best that the Board can submit under all the circumstances as the property at this corner has been difficult to deal with.

We believe that Mr. Segel has met the town fairly in his offer to give sufficient land to properly round the corner and that the town will never have any better opportunity to obtain land for this purpose. We recommended the passing of the foregoing proposed amendments as agreed to by the Planning Board and Mr. Segel and his counsel. It is only fair to say that this recommendation is not unanimous on the part of the Board, two members objecting to stores on this corner and possibly their opinion will be given at the town meeting.

The above recommendation is subject to some binding arrangement to be made before town meeting whereby the town will be protected as to the conveyance of the land and the setback of the building if the amendment is passed.

Article 16 is a proposed amendment extending the retail district along Main street to approximately the northerly side of Spear's garage. Conferences have been held with persons interested in the proposed amendment and it appears that what is really wanted is a general business district northerly from the railroad tracks to about the northerly line of Spear's garage.

The Board understands that the owners of the above properties northerly from the railroad tracks united in having this locality placed in a general business district and not in a retail business district as provided for by the amendment.

We further understand that at the town meeting, the party who had this article inserted in the town warrant will move that action on this article be indefinitely postponed and that at the annual town meeting there will be a proposed amendment placing the above locality north of the railroad tracks in a general business district. As such a district is desired by all the property owners of this locality and as there are already located there two garages, a paint shop, a blacksmith shop, the Planning Board will report at the annual town meeting that the proposed amendment placing this area in a general business zone be passed. Under the circumstances the Planning Board reports that the persons interested will move to have this article indefinitely postponed.

Respectfully submitted by

Stoneham Planning Board

Luther Hill, Chairman

Frances R. Nickerson, Secretary

Hugh Hamill      Ralph R. Patch      Charles W. Messer

Bessie W. Chapman      Harold B. Hayward      Albert P. Rounds

Robert A. Newcomb

## REGULATIONS OF VEHICLES

Rules and orders made and adopted, July 21, 1925, by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Stoneham for the Regulation of Carriages and Vehicles, horse drawn or self propelled, used and operated in said Town of Stoneham, said Rules and Orders to be in full force and effect on and after the Tenth Day of August, A. D. 1925.

### ROAD REGULATION:—

Section 1 of Article 2 of the Rules and Orders for the regulation of vehicles, made by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Stoneham under date of May 7, 1914, is hereby amended by adding to Section 1 at the conclusion thereof the following words:—"And no person shall stop with any carriage or vehicle in any public street for a period of more than twenty minutes in any one place within the Business Section as defined in Section 1 of Article 4 of said Regulations, as of the date of May 7, 1914, except as otherwise provided herein", so as to read as follows:—

Section 1. No person shall permit any carriage or vehicle under his care or control to stand across any public way in such a manner as to obstruct the travel over the same for any unnecessary length of time, and no person shall stop with any carriage or vehicle in any public street so near to another vehicle as to obstruct the public travel upon or across any crossing in any street or way; nor shall any vehicle stop or remain in any public street except close to the sidewalk or abreast to another vehicle parallel with the street or at or within the intersection of any streets nor within ten (10) feet of any street corner; and no person shall stop with any carriage or vehicle in any public street for a period of more than twenty minutes in any one place within the Business Section as defined in Section 1 of Article 4 of said Regulations, as of the date of May 7, 1914, except as otherwise herein provided.

Article 2 of said Rules and Orders for the Regulation of Vehicles, dated May 7, 1914, is hereby further amended by inserting an additional section, numbered six to read as follows:—

Section 6. No person shall permit any carriage or vehicle under his care or control to stand on the westerly side of Main Street between Chase's Block and Buck's Block, so called, or on Central Street between Central Square and Winter Street, except for the purpose of allowing passengers to alight therefrom, or for the purpose of unloading goods, wares or merchandise, in which case said vehicle shall be moved upon request of a police officer if, in his opinion, it becomes necessary to order such vehicle

to be removed for the proper regulation of traffic; and parking of vehicles within the limits of Central Square is prohibited, except within the limits prescribed and indicated by permanent lines, as shown by a plan filed herewith with the Town Clerk, and made a part hereof; said limitation to be outlined by chalk marks or otherwise on the surface of the roadway within the limits of Central Square; and in the "Business Section", so called, parking of vehicles shall be permitted in accordance with the provisions of Section 1, except as follows:—No person shall permit any carriage or vehicle under his care or control to stand or be parked, except as aforesaid, on Franklin Street, from Central Square to Fuller Street; on Block Street, except on the Southerly side thereof for a distance of fifty (50) feet Easterly from Central Street; on Emerson Street, no parking throughout its extent; on Tidd Street, parking allowed only from Central Street Easterly to a point opposite the Tidd Street Playground, so called; on Common Street, no parking except on the Northerly side from Central Street to Main Street; on Union Street, no parking except on the Southerly side from Main to Central Street; on Hersam Street, from Main to Wright Street, no parking except on the Northerly side; on Minot Street, no parking; on Maple Street, from Main to Wright Street, no parking except on the Northerly side; on Winter Street, no parking except on the Southerly side from Central Street to Main Street.

## LAYOUT OF WHIPPLE AVENUE

After due notice and public hearing the BOARD OF SURVEY has laid out as a public town way Whipple Avenue as follows:—

Beginning at a point on the northerly side of Spring Street at the northwesterly corner of said proposed street and Spring St., said point being seven and thirty-four one hundredths (7 34-100) feet east of a stone bound on the northerly side of said Spring Street, thence the line runs northerly North five degrees, forty-three minutes, ten seconds East a distance of six hundred and fifty-six and twelve one hundredths (656 12-100) feet to a point, said point being the northerly bound of the layout of said proposed street.

The above described line is the westerly side line of said proposed Street.

The easterly side line begins at a point at the northeasterly corner of the said proposed street and said Spring St., said point being forty and thirty-three one hundredths (40 33-100) feet east of the point of beginning of the first described line and is parallel to and forty (40) feet distant from the first described line, running northerly a distance of six hundred and fifty-one and eight one hundredths (651 8-100) feet.

The foregoing description to conform to a plan made by Dana Edson Perkins, dated February 20, 1925.

When this layout is approved and adopted by the Town the same is to be forever known as a public town way.

No damages having been demanded, none are awarded.

Given under our hands this twenty-fourth day of February A. D. 1925.

George A. Packard,  
Leander V. Colahan,  
James A. Munro,  
Board of Survey, Stoneham, Mass.

## LAYOUT OF NORVAL AVENUE

After due notice and public hearing the BOARD OF SURVEY has laid out as a public town way Norval Avenue as follows:—

Beginning at a point on the southerly side of Elm Street at the southeasterly corner of said proposed street and said Elm Street thence the line runs by and along the easterly side line of a private way known as Norval Avenue five hundred and eighty-seven and fifteen one hundredths (587 15-100) feet to a point, said point being the northeasterly corner of said Norval Avenue and Garden Road, so called.



The above described line is the easterly side line of said proposed street.

The westerly side line runs from a point at the northwesterly corner of said proposed street and Garden Road, so called, to the southeasterly corner of said proposed street and said Elm St., a distance of five hundred and eighty-four and five one hundredths (584 5-100) feet, being parallel to and forty-two (42) feet distant from the first described line.

The foregoing description to conform to a plan made by Dana Edson Perkins, dated February 20, 1925.

When this layout is approved and adopted by the Town the same is to be forever known as a public town way.

No damages having been demanded, none are awarded.

Given under our hands this twenty-fourth day of February, A. D. 1925.

George A. Packard,	Board of Survey, Stoneham, Mass.
Leander V. Colahan,	
James A. Munro,	

#### LAYOUT OF POPLAR STREET

After due notice and public hearing the BOARD OF SURVEY has laid out as a public town way Poplar Street as follows:—

Beginning at a point on the easterly side of Cedar Avenue at the corner of said proposed street and said Cedar Avenue thence the line runs easterly a distance of four hundred and eleven (411) feet to a point thence southerly on an angle of ninety degrees and thirty-two minutes a distance of one hundred and sixty-five (165) feet to a point, said point being at the southwesterly corner of said proposed street and Maple Street.

The above described lines are the southerly and westerly lines of said proposed street.

The northerly and easterly lines are parallel to and forty (40) feet distant from the first described lines.

The foregoing description to conform to a plan made by Dana Edson Perkins dated July 1924.

When this layout is approved and adopted by the Town the same is to be forever known as a public town way.

No damages having been demanded, none are awarded.

Given under our hands this twenty-fourth day of February, A. D. 1925.

George A. Packard,
Leander V. Colahan,
James A. Munro,
Board of Survey, Stoneham, Mass.

## LAYOUT OF COWDREY ROAD

### From Lincoln Street to Chestnut Street

After due notice and public hearing the BOARD OF SURVEY has laid out as a public town way Cowdrey Road as follows:—

Beginning at at a point on the westerly side of Lincoln St., at the northwesterly corner of said proposed St. and said Lincoln St. thence the line runs northwesterly along the northerly side of a private way known as Cowdrey Road one hundred and seventy-five feet to Chestnut St., so called, thence across said Chestnut St. a distance of forty feet to a point, said point being the northwesterly corner of said proposed street on the westerly side of Chestnut St.

The above described line is the northerly side line of said proposed street.

The southerly side line is parallel to and forty feet distant from the first described line.

The foregoing description is to conform to a plan made by Hallisey & Levy dated May 1924.

When this layout is approved and adopted by the town the same is to be forever known as a public town way.

No damages having been demanded, none are awarded.

Given under our hands this twenty-fourth day of February A. D. 1925.

George A. Packard,  
Leander V. Colahan,  
James A. Munro,  
Board of Survey, Stoneham, Mass.

## LAYOUT OF CHESTNUT STREET

### From Maple Street to Cowdrey Road

After due notice and public hearing the BOARD OF SURVEY has laid out as a public town way Chestnut Street from Maple Street southerly as follows:—

Beginning at a point on the southerly side of Maple St. at the northwesterly corner of said proposed street and said Maple St. thence the line runs southwesterly by and along the westerly side of a private way known as Chestnut St. two hundred and fifty and ninety-three one hundredths (250 93-100) feet to a point, said point being the northwesterly corner of said proposed street and Cowdrey Road, so called.

The above described line is the westerly side line of said proposed street.

The easterly line is parallel to and forty (40) feet from the first described line.

The foregoing description to conform to a plan made by Hallisey and Levy dated February 1924.

When this layout is approved and adopted by the Town the same is to be forever known as a public town way.

No damages having been demanded, none are awarded.

Given under our hands this twenty-fourth day of February, A. D. 1925.

George A. Packard,  
Leander V. Colahan,  
James A. Munro,  
Board of Survey, Stoneham, Mass.

#### OFFICE FEES

##### Dogs:

265 Males	@ \$2.00	\$530.00
55 Females	@ \$5.00	275.00
1 Kennel		25.00 \$ 830.00
Recording Fees		155.35
Marriage Licenses		84.00
Fish and Game Licenses		273.25
Miscellaneous Fees		30.05
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		\$1,372.65
Paid County Treasurer (Dog Licenses)	\$	736.40
Paid Fish and Game Commission		228.50
Paid Town Treasurer		376.75
Balance on hand (Dogs licensed after Dec. 1)		31.00
		\$1,372.65

Charles A. Owen,  
Town Clerk

## REPORT of BOARD of ASSESSORS 1925

### Valuation

Buildings .....	\$6,447,875.00
Land .....	2,875,875.00
Total .....	9,323,750.00
Personal property .....	1,296,350.00
Total value of Real and Per. property	10,620,100.00

### Debits

Town grant .....	\$350,684.35
State Tax .....	17,760.00
County Tax .....	13,527.53
Sewer Tax .....	9,851.41
Park Tax .....	6,569.42
Highway .....	1,582.00
Wellington Bridge Construction .....	5.75
Wellington Bridge Maintenance .....	483.84
Charles River Basin .....	938.94
Fire Prevention .....	99.10
Met. Planning Board .....	95.79
Town Meeting held July 20, 1925. ....	760.00
Overlayings .....	5,755.86
Deficits in overlayings account 1921-1922-1923 ....	6,632.74
Auditing Account .....	1,299.42
Total .....	416,046.15

### Credits

Income Tax .....	\$ 20,057.10
Corporation Tax .....	6,932.47
Bank Tax .....	135.53
Licenses .....	534.90
Fines .....	702.00
Special Assessments .....	2,437.53
General Government .....	2,037.10
Protection of Persons and Property .....	146.35
Health and Sanitation .....	48.00
Highways .....	451.14
Charities .....	3,736.89
Soldiers Benefits .....	1,307.00
Schools .....	871.54



Libraries .....	159.13
Recreation .....	18.62
Interest on Deposits .....	820.00
Interest on Taxes and Assessments .....	3,572.69
Street Railway .....	515.19
Department of Education .....	220.28
Metropolitan Water Board .....	1,641.85
Soldiers Exemption .....	360.64
Cemetery .....	1,815.00
Town Clerk Fees .....	302.00
2735 Polls .....	5,470.00
Total .....	\$ 54,292.95

Debits .....	\$416,046.15
Credits .....	54,292.95
Amt. Raised .....	\$361,753.20

Amount raised by taxation .....	\$ 361,753.20
Increase in value of real estate .....	1,236,800.00
Increase in value of personal property .....	241,450.00
Increase in Tax Levy .....	81,148.85
Rate per thousand .....	34.00
Population .....	9,084
Increase in population since last census .....	1,211
Increase in Valuation since 1920 .....	\$ 3,223,280.00
Valuation per Capita .....	\$ 1,169.00
Number of residents assessed on property .....	2,275
Number of non-residents assessed on property .....	292
Number assessed on polls only .....	1,508
Total number assessed .....	4,447
Number of dwelling houses .....	1,810
Number of acres of land .....	2,475
Number of Horses .....	72
Number of Neat cattle .....	1
Number of Swine .....	105
Number of Fowl .....	2,325
Number of Cows .....	232

George W. Newhall,  
John J. Kenney  
J. William Abbott

Board of Assessors  
Harry A. Williams, Clerk

## **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEAL UNDER THE ZONING LAW**

Since the organization of this Board on June 3, 1925, the Board has held sixteen public hearings all on appeals from refusal of the Building Inspector to grant permits under conditions which did not meet the requirements of the Zoning By-Law.

The larger part of these appeals had to do with garages which were to be placed nearer than ten feet to side lot lines. The Board has endeavored to decide each case on its merits, and some permits have been granted for such structures to be located less than ten feet from side lot lines in cases where it would cause no apparent injury to adjoining property and in cases where the location of the dwelling of the petitioner warranted modification of the ten foot rule.

The majority of applications to the Building Inspector for permits comply with requirements of the Zoning By-Law, in his opinion, and only such applications as do not meet these requirements may be appealed to this Board.

Of the appeals heard by this Board nine have been refused and seven have been granted, mostly subject to conditions stated by the Board.

Board of Appeal,  
by Charles F. Buck, Clerk.

## REPORT of BOARD of SELECTMEN

To the Citizens of Stoneham:

Your Selectmen herewith submit their annual report for the year 1925.

We have endeavored to keep in close touch with the several town departments under our supervision, and we believe that the town work has been carried on as economically and efficiently as possible during the past year. As usual, we have had numerous matters to deal with, to all of which we have given our careful consideration. It has been our constant endeavor to serve the interests of our townspeople as a whole, realizing that our community is growing steadily, and that new problems are constantly arising, all of which will necessarily mean added expenditures in the near future.

Superintendent of Public Works Hugh G. Kennedy, especially, has done excellent work, despite the fact that he has been handicapped by insufficient appropriations with which to meet his requirements. He has already proven his value to the town in the capacity in which he is employed. For the coming year his salary will be \$2,800. He is under contract with the town until 1927. It must be apparent to all that Superintendent Kennedy has greatly improved our streets, although he has been able to do but little permanent street construction work, the money not being available. We believe and again recommend that the town should plan for street construction work of a permanent nature, and make necessary financial provision therefor, by bond issues, or otherwise. It is also evident that a larger appropriation is needed for annual repairs to highways. We are pleased to report that the property of the Public Works Department is being well cared for, as a visit to the town barn on Pine Street will show.

Elsewhere in the town report will be found the report of the Committee on Surface Drainage. The preliminary plan of Fay, Spofford & Thorndike, consulting engineers, has been fully completed, and appears elsewhere. The installation of an adequate surface drainage system is a present necessity, and in the best interests of the town it should not be delayed. The large estimated expense, however, is a matter for our citizens to consider.

In July 1924, the annual meter water rates were reduced from \$12 to \$10. It may be possible to make a further reduction shortly, as during the past year, the water reserve account has materially increased in amount, despite increased expenditures for maintenance. Provision must be made for water main replacements, and during the coming year it is proposed to ask bids for replacing the old water pipes on Main Street from Montvale Avenue to Farm Hill Station. This work will entail the expenditure of about \$16,000. Your Board feels that it should be given greater authority to extend water mains where needed, on petition by abutters, provided a proper bond is given covering interest on expense of construction. An article will be inserted in the annual town warrant covering this subject matter.

It is obvious that additional sewerage facilities are also needed in various sections of the town, which are becoming thickly settled, and which are now without sewers. Proper sewerage is a requisite to public health.

The Edison Electric Illuminating Company continues to afford the town adequate service in street lighting under an annual contract. Several additional street lights have been installed during the year at needed localities. Main Street, considering its burden of traffic is not adequately lighted. Perhaps our "great white way" will come later. Your Board again recommends that provision be made to have the street lights lighted all night; this would add approximately \$2,000 to the present street light appropriation.

Conferences have been held with the Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway officials, relative to improvements in our trolley service, which no doubt could be further improved upon. The Fells line continues to carry the bulk of our townspeople to Boston, as the Boston & Maine Railroad affords facilities only in the early morning and evening hours. Several taxi-cabs are now in operation within town limits under regulations adopted by the Selectmen.

Your Board has also conferred with State and County officers on "good roads," but has been unable to secure financial co-operation for road construction work with either the State or the County.

In the matter of the construction of the proposed State boulevard through the Easterly section of the town, your Selectmen have been in conference with Representative Standish. The resurvey has been completed, and the matter of further action regarding the boulevard is before the Legislature, now in session.

We wish to acknowledge the gift to the town of \$1,000 from the



late Mrs. Alice J. Durgin, the income of this fund to be devoted to the assistance of needy children, and to be expended by the Overseers of the Poor. The town will be asked to formally accept the bequest at the annual town meeting.

Following the death of Fred E. Kerns, for many years a member of the Registrars of Voters, Daniel P. Hurld was appointed registrar to fill the existing vacancy. Our townspeople appreciate the faithful service rendered by Mr. Kerns in this position.

As a result of the closing of Tidd Street, in accordance with the vote of the town, it has been possible to materially enlarge the area of the Tidd Street playground, which has been enclosed with an attractive fence. During the summer vacation, the children made excellent use of the facilities afforded at the playground under the direction of Daniel P. Hurld, playground supervisor.

During the past year all town property has been placed under "blanket insurance" provisions; as a result the town is receiving a much more favorable rate, and a substantial amount on premiums has been saved. Under the present arrangement, the town has additional safeguards against fire loss.

We are pleased to be able to again report that the general financial condition of the town is excellent. The funded debt is comparatively small. With many permanent improvements needed, the town is in a position to raise money by bond issues with maturities extending over a period of years. The Gettemy system, so-called, continues to work out well, and town accounts are being ably handled by Charles A. Owen, who was appointed to the position of Town Accountant in November of last year. Mr. Owen is equally efficient in the performance of his duties as Town Clerk.

Early in March the attention of your Board was directed to the several large amounts due the town for personal property taxes and water rates from the Van Tassel Tanning Company. It then appeared that personal property taxes from 1921 to 1924 inclusive, assessed upon the Van Tassel Tanning Company, and each year committed to the Tax Collector, remained uncollected. The Town Counsel was authorized to bring suit to recover these taxes and the unpaid water rates. Suits were duly entered, judgments were obtained by the town in Middlesex Superior Court, and executions were issued thereon. The Van Tassel Tanning Company was subsequently adjudged bankrupt. In December, the town received a distribution from the trustee of the bankrupt concern, in part satisfying the personal property taxes. Under authority of Henry C. Long, Commissioner of Corporations and

Taxation for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the real estate of the Van Tassel Tanning Company, tax titles to which had been acquired by the town, was sold at public auction. From these sources \$5,000 was received and paid into the town treasury. While it is to be regretted that the town was unable to recover the full amount of the Van Tassel Tanning Company's indebtedness to it, it is a source of congratulation that the tannery has ceased to exist. Its operation was a nuisance and a menace to public health for many years. The tannery buildings are to be torn down, and we are informed that the several acres of land thereby made vacant will be developed and made available for house lots.

As in years past, your Selectmen have participated in numerous local functions as invited guests, and have been hospitably received. We believe that this social intercourse has been productive of good results, and it goes without saying that the Selectmen have greatly enjoyed the courtesies extended. It was also our privilege to participate officially in the very elaborate celebration last June that commemorated our Two Hundredth Anniversary as a town. The committees in charge of that memorable event may well feel a pride in the successful outcome of the several days observance.

Among other recommendations which your Board will present to the Finance Committee, we feel that there is urgent need for the appointment of an inspector of wires. This matter will be brought before the town meeting for consideration.

#### JURORS DRAWN

During the year the following have been drawn as jurors: Peter P. Meehan, Edward J. Feeney, John H. Cragie, Michael S. Joyce, Harry A. Williams, Wesley F. Barber, John F. Bresnahan, Alson Ackert, William H. Gay, Dennis J. Quinlan, John J. Cody, William M. Dempsey.

#### FENCE VIEWERS

Your Board has not been called upon to act as Fence Viewers during the past year.

#### FINANCES

For a detailed statement of our finances, we refer you to the report of the Town Accountant, which will be found elsewhere in this book.

#### LEGAL DEPARTMENT

Town Counsel Herbert H. Richardson has continued to have charge of the town's legal business, and matters referred to him have been given proper attention. His report as Town Counsel follows:

## REPORT OF TOWN COUNSEL

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

In accordance with your request, I submit herewith my fifteenth annual report as Town Counsel for the year ending December 31, 1925.

Aside from the suits reported last year, the Town has not been made defendant in any new litigation of moment. The Buckman and Cole suits mentioned in my report for the year 1924, are the only Court actions brought against the Town remaining undisposed of.

Several suits have been brought in behalf of the Town during the past year, the most important of which were actions entered in the Superior Court against the Van Tassel Tanning Company to collect taxes and water rates to the amount of several thousand dollars. Judgments were obtained for the Town in these suits, following which the Van Tassel Company was adjudged bankrupt. After lengthy negotiations extending over a period of several months, arrangements were completed whereby the Town received \$5,000.00 on account of the tax indebtedness of the concern from the Trustee in Bankruptcy, and from the proceeds of the sale of the real estate of the Van Tassel Tanning Company, which sale was made under the authority of the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation.

Final settlement of the Dyar Supply Company suit against the Town, an action of contract brought in Suffolk Superior Court, ad damnum \$2,500, for supplies alleged to have been furnished Town Departments, has been effected in the sum of \$100.

Claims of the Town against Ethel Brolman for damage to street sign, and against Sweeney Motor Trucking Company and John O'Connell for use of Town property, which matters were referred to the Town Counsel, have also been disposed of without suit and various amounts paid the Town Treasurer. Other collections due the Town, to a considerable amount, have also been made through the Legal Department.

There are several claims still pending against the Town, however, including the claim of Maurice H. McKenna for property and land damage, (cor. Central and Elm Streets) and claim of Annie Doherty for land taken for sewerage purposes. In the Doherty claim, the offer of settlement made by Town, as noted last year, has not been accepted.

Numerous matters have been referred to the Town Counsel during the past year and opinions rendered at the request of your Honorable Board and of the other Town Departments. I have attended hearings and conferences at which matters concerning the

welfare of the Town have been under discussion. To these matters I have given my careful attention.

The routine work of the Legal Department has included an unusual amount of office work, and I have drawn numerous legal documents, comprising contracts, bonds, agreements, releases, regulations, by-laws, etc., as requested.

In all matters to which my attention has been directed, I have endeavored to protect and safeguard the legal rights and interests of the Town, and I appreciate the efficient cooperation given me by your Honorable Board and by the other Town Officials and Committees.

Respectfully submitted,

Herbert H. Richardson,

Town Counsel

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

We feel that our Fire Department will stand favorable comparison with that of any town in the Commonwealth. With motorized equipment and modern quarters, this department reflects credit upon the town. The Fire Engineers submit their annual report as follows:

December 31, 1925

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,  
Gentlemen:—

The Engineers of the Fire Department respectfully submit the following report for the year of 1925:

There have been 160 Alarms of fire as follows:

95 Bell alarms of which 5 were false and 65 Still Alarms.

Value of Property endangered by fire .....	\$124,100.00
Insurance thereon .....	53,196.00
Estimated Loss .....	8,947.00
Insurance recovered .....	7,814.00
Leaving a net loss of .....	1,133.00

18,500 feet of hose have been used at fires.

682 feet of Ladders and 1860 gallons of Chemical.

The motor fire equipment is in first class condition. A new chemical hose basket has been added to the Reo Combination; also a basket on the ladder truck which has added to efficiency of both.

The Department is in need of more fire hose and we recommend the purchase of 1,000 feet, which would give the Department 4,000 feet of good hose. We have about 1,000 feet of hose in fair condition.

The general equipment is in good condition. During the year



all fire hose threads have been cut over to National Standard, to comply with the law.

The Fire Alarm system is in good condition, except for some of the older boxes which have been burned out and repaired. These should be replaced with new modern type boxes and we recommend the purchase of 4 new boxes for replacement during the coming year.

The addition to the permanent force of a man this year has added a great deal to the efficiency of the Department. We now have 5 permanent men and 22 call men.

We wish to thank your Honorable Board for the cooperation and encouragement given us.

Also the Police Department for the assistance it has rendered at fires.

We would also commend the officers and members of the Fire Department for the faithful preformance of their duties.

Respectfully submitted,  
Albert J. Smith,  
Louis F. Bruce,  
Fred L. Newhall,  
Engineers of Fire Department.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

We refer you to the report of Captain Sumner H. Green herewith appended, and we concur in the recommendations contained therein. We believe that our police are entitled to credit for their efficient work during the past year.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen: I submit the following report of the Police Department for the year ending December 31st 1925.

The regular members of the department are Captain Sumner H. Green, Sergeant John G. O'Brien, Patrolmen George E. Johnson, Dennis L. McKinnon, John C. Nelson, Peter F. O'Toole, William H. O'Toole, and Thomas J. Flynn.

Number of Arrests .....	304
Males .....	302
Females .....	2
Minors .....	6
Residents .....	95
Non Residents .....	209

Causes of Arrest

Assault and Battery .....	5
Abduction .....	1
Bastardy .....	2

Breaking and Entering .....	3
Capias .....	2
Drunkenness .....	94
Disturbing the Peace .....	5
Delinquent .....	4
Insane .....	1
Larceny .....	17
Non Support of Parent .....	2
Non Support of Minor Child .....	7
Unlawful Marriage .....	1
Violation of Military Rules .....	1
Violation of Pure Food Law .....	1
Violation of Liquor Law .....	9
Violation of Automobile Laws .....	149
Appealed .....	8
Continued .....	32
Defaulted .....	3
Discharged .....	11
Delivered to Other Officers .....	11
Fines Paid .....	168
House of Correction .....	9
Hospital .....	1
Released .....	13
Placed on File .....	48
Accidents Reported .....	92
Buildings Found Open and Secured .....	174
Cases Investigated .....	457
Dead Bodies Cared For .....	1
Defects in Hydrants .....	2
Defects in Sidewalks and Street .....	48
Defects in Electric Lamps .....	154
Water Pipe .....	2
Detailed to Public Assemblages .....	446
Dogs Killed .....	24
Lanterns in Dangerous Places .....	48
Lost Children Cared For .....	27
Notices to Delinquent Dog Owners .....	90
Notices for Board of Health .....	4
Officers at Fires .....	33
Search Warrants Served .....	14
Stray Teams Cared For .....	1
Value of Property Recovered .....	\$3,748
Amount of Fines Imposed .....	\$2,560
Number of Persons Cared for in Lockup .....	152

Telephone Calls Answered from Station .....	1,876
Automobile Miles Run .....	4,769
Sale and Exchange of Motor Cars Registered .....	409

#### In General

I again call your attention to the urgent need for the immediate installation of a police signal system, which, according to plans submitted by the Gamewell Company, would cost approximately \$6,000.00. This system is already in general use in surrounding cities and towns and would afford better service and protection, both for the general public and for the officers of the police department. Accordingly, I would respectfully request that your Honorable Board recommend and make proper financial provision for the installation of this system in your financial budget for the present year.

Despite the fact that traffic burdens on our main streets continue to increase, we have been fortunate in having had but few accidents. I am pleased to state that the town has been comparatively free from crimes of serious nature.

For better protection of the public in general, it would be desirable to have the street lights burn all night, and I am informed that the extra expense would not be large. I recommend this matter for your consideration.

There is present need for at least one more patrolman to be added to the personal of the force, to enable the outlying sections of the town to be more adequately patrolled. It would also increase efficiency in this respect, if a motor cycle were added to the Department for use in emergency.

As usual, the liquor traffic has required considerable attention, and prosecutions have been made in all cases of violation of liquor laws where proper evidence could be obtained. Much credit is due the officers who have been assigned to this work. They have rendered faithful and efficient service.

To your Honorable Board I wish to acknowledge my obligations for valuable advice and many acts of kindness extended to me during the past year. I wish to thank the members of the department for their cooperation in efforts to preserve the peace and good order of the Town, and all others who have in any way assisted me in the discharge of my official duties.

Respectfully submitted,

SUMNER H. GREEN,

Capt. of Police and Lockup Keeper

ARMORY HALL

Armory Hall is at present in excellent repair. Despite the fact that rentals have been increased, the Armory Hall account

shows a deficit as usual. This is not surprising as the Armory is used not only as our Town Hall, but for many other public functions as well. William J. Plummer continues to act as janitor in an efficient and courteous manner.

### INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

The appointment of Mr. L. L. Gove as Inspector of Buildings has met with general favor, and he has performed his duties most acceptably. Considering the large amount of work involved in this position, the salary paid is inadequate. Mr. Gove's report as Inspector of Buildings is as follows:

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen: I herewith submit my report as Building Inspector from May 1st to December 31st 1925.

New dwellings for one family .....	46
New dwellings for more than one family .....	3
Alterations and Additions .....	32
Garages .....	51
Poultry Houses .....	2
All Others .....	15
Estimated Value .....	\$363,500

I have collected and paid to the Town Treasurer \$70.50 and hold his receipt for same.

Respectfully submitted,

Linwood L. Gove,

Building Inspector

### REPORT OF PUBLIC WEAIGHER

Total Number of loads weighed .....	507
Weighing fees .....	\$96.45
Paid Town Treasurer .....	\$ 4.60
Bill rendered American Glue Co. ....	\$41.15
Weigher's fees (10c per load) .....	\$50.70
Total .....	\$96.45      \$96.45

Respectfully submitted,

George A. Packard, Weigher.

### SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

The duties of the Sealer of Weights and Measures continue to increase from year to year, and warrant an increased salary. Sealer J. Algernon Forbes submits his report to us as follows:

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen.

Gentlemen: The work of the Weights and Measures Depart-



ment has gone very smoothly during the past year. The merchants in general seem to be giving more attention to keeping their measuring and weighing devices in good condition and have all complied cheerfully with the sealer's requests for changes, repairs, etc.

The opening of many new stores and filling stations during the last three years has almost doubled the Sealer's work and a request is made for an increase in salary during the coming year.

During the past year, fees to the amount of \$43.59 have been collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer whose receipt I hold.

A summary of the work for the year follows:

Devices	Adjusted	Scaled	Non-Scaled	Condemned
Platform, over 5000 lbs. Scales ....		2		
Platform, 100 to 5000 lbs. Scales ..	4	15		
Counter, 100 lbs. or over Scales ....	1	2		
Counter, under 100 lbs. Scales ....	2	27	1	
Spring, 100 lbs. or over Scales ....		1		
Spring, under 100 lbs. Scales ....	4	30	1	1
Computing, under 100 lbs. Scales ....	7	24	2	
Avoirdupois Weights .....		171		
Liquid Measures .....		101		22
Dry Measures .....		3		
Fuel Baskets .....		17		
Gasoline Measuring Pumps .....	2	21		
Kerosene Measuring Pumps .....		1		
Oil Measuring Pumps .....		16		
Quantity Measures on Pumps .....	4	116		
Yard Sticks .....		1		
Totals .....	24	548	4	23

Respectfully submitted,

J. Algernon Forbes

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

## **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

We take pleasure in transmitting to our citizens the detailed report of Superintendent Hugh G. Kennedy for the past year:

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,  
Stoneham, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen: I submit herewith the twelfth annual report of the Public Works Department for the year ending December 31, 1925.

### **Highways**

The streets were all graded and cleaned and gutters were trimmed as soon as weather permitted.

Oak Street, Peabody Road, Middlesex Road, Isabella Street, North Avenue, Rockland Street and Harrison Street were re-built with gravel.

### **Macadam Roads**

This class of highways received general repair and maintenance work, new work being done on Flint Avenue, Marble Street and Chestnut Street.

Broadway was re-surfaced with macadam from Main Street to a point 900 feet east thereof, two catch-basins being placed about 450 feet east of Main Street.

### **Street Signs and Beacons**

A large number of new Street Signs were placed in position. There is urgent necessity of more such signs as well as such signs as "Keep to the Right" etc.

More Street Markings would greatly facilitate the movement of traffic.

### **Street Oiling**

A large amount of oiling and sanding was done, practically the whole street system being covered with a few exceptions. This work, if continued during the coming year will aid in preserving the roads as well as being beneficial in keeping down the dust.

### **Catch Basins and Drains**

All Catch Basins were cleaned and the main drains kept in order. Six new basins were built. Many more are needed.

### **Street Railings**

Street Railings were repaired and painted. Quite a large part of the fences on William and Elm Streets were re-built.

### **Snow and Ice**

This Department contended with five serious storms during the past year. New equipment in the shape of plows has been purchased and the old equipment put in good working order.

## **Concrete Repairs**

Sidewalks were repaired on the following Streets:

High Street, Chestnut Street, Elm Street, Pine Street, Cedar Avenue, Cowdrey Road, Congress Street, Coolidge Street, Main Street.

## **Hancock Street Drain**

Work was commenced on this drain on Lincoln Street and the drain built to a point on the line between the line of Messrs. Chapman and Massey. This work could not be completed on account of lack of appropriation. The drain is very much needed and funds for its completion should be provided.

## **Vacations**

All employees of the Department of Public Works entitled thereto received a vacation. The law of the state provides that all regular employees shall have a vacation and sufficient appropriation should be made to care for this item.

## **Sewer Services**

Thirty-two sewer connections with private property were made. Six services were cleaned or otherwise repaired.

## **New Sewer Construction**

Sewers were constructed as follows:

Stevens Street 220 feet west from Franklin Street.

Summer Street 200 feet east from Summerhill Street.

Pleasant Street 236 feet north from Franklin Street.

## **Sewer Maintenance**

All sewers received thorough cleaning and very little complaint about the condition of the system has come to the Department. New cleaning equipment has been purchased and several manhole frames and covers renewed.

## **Water Department**

Sixty-seven new services were installed and four new hydrants placed. Several breaks in the old cement-lined pipe have occurred and much repair work accordingly was necessary. This pipe has been in the ground about forty years and its replacement with cast iron pipe should have early consideration.

## **New Construction**

New mains have been constructed as follows:

Keene Street 398 feet North from Cowdrey Street.

Upland and Wilson Road 250 feet.

Whipple Avenue 50 feet

Brackett Avenue 96 feet North from Elm Street.

Stone Avnue 196 feet West from Perkins Street.

Coolidge Street 96 feet West from Congress Street.  
Cowdrey Road 210 feet West from Lincoln Street.  
Sunset Road 178 feet West from Rustic Road.  
Rustic Road 276 feet South from Franklin Street.  
Parkway Road 104 feet South from Wilson Road.  
Cowdrey Street 384 feet East from Collincote Street.

All construction was of six inch pipe with the exception of that in Cowdrey Street which was of four inch pipe.

In conclusion I wish to express my appreciation to the Board of Selectmen and all Town Officers for their co-operation and assistance; also to the employees of this Department who have been ever ready when called upon.

Respectfully submitted,

HUGH G. KENNEDY,

Superintendent

Respectfully submitted,

George A. Packard,

James A. Munro,

Leander V. Colahan,

Selectmen.



## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SURFACE DRAINAGE

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To the Citizens of Stoneham:

Your Committee on Surface Drainage, comprising the members of the joint Boards of Selectmen and Board of Health met and effected organization for the year with the choice of George A. Packard Chairman, and George A. Hinchcliffe Secretary. Several meetings have been held, including conferences with representatives of Fay, Spofford & Thorndike, consulting engineers, whose services were retained to complete the preliminary survey for surface drainage, embracing all sections of the town. The appropriation of \$2500 made for this purpose at the annual town meeting has been expended.

The salient features of the report of Fay, Spofford & Thorndike are presented herewith:

November 7, 1925

The Joint Committee on Surface Drainage  
Stoneham, Massachusetts  
Gentlemen:

We submit herewith our Preliminary Report on Surface Water Drainage for the Town of Stoneham.

This report is made in accordance with the vote of your committee, passed on June 3, 1925 authorizing our firm to complete the surface drainage survey of the town. We had previously reported on surface drainage for Sweetwater Brook Valley east of Main St., and the findings of that report are incorporated in the present report in order that it may be complete for the entire town.

We wish to acknowledge the co-operation which we have received from the members of your committees, from your Town Counsel and your Superintendent of Public Works. All have taken an active interest in the present problem and have assisted us in numerous ways.

Respectfully submitted,

FAY, SPOFFORD AND THORNDIKE

by R. W. Horne

# REPORT

By Fay, Spofford and Thorndike, Consulting Engineers

## MODERN SEWERAGE AND SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE

In considering the problem of a Surface Water Drainage System for the town of Stoneham and in reviewing the factors which have a direct bearing on the problem it is well to have clearly in mind the distinction between sewerage systems and a surface water drainage system. There are at the present time three distinct types of systems in common use for the collection of sewage, and storm and surface water; (1) the Separate, or Sanitary Sewerage System, which is intended to collect sewage only, (2) the Surface Water Drainage System which collects only storm water and surface water, and (3) the Combined Sewerage System which collects sewage and also storm and surface water.

....**Separate Sewers.** "Separate sewers," often called Sanitary Sewers, are generally of smaller sizes than either surface water drains or combined sewers because the volume of sewage to be provided for, from a given area, is generally much smaller than the volume of storm and surface water which should be provided for, from the same area.

"Separate sewer" systems are generally built where sewerage facilities are necessary but funds are limited and provisions for storm and surface water can be postponed; separate sewers are also built where pumping or treatment of the sewage is necessary and where it is essential to keep the cost of operating the system at a minimum. Except in special cases storm and surface water should not be discharged into "separate sewers."

**Surface Water Drains.** Surface water drains are needed where the flooding of streets, cellars and low lying areas, as a result of heavy storms, will cause damage to property or will be a menace to health; surface water drains are also needed to remove stagnant surface water which would oftentimes afford excellent breeding places for mosquitos. It is not necessary to carry all storm and surface water to a common point for disposal; under favorable conditions storm and surface water may be discharged into nearby water courses. Domestic sewage should not be discharged, under any conditions, into surface water drains.

**Combined Sewers.** Combined sewers are planned to fulfill the requirements of both separate sewers and surface water drains.

The quantity of sewage is usually negligible in comparison with the quantity of storm and surface water to be provided for, and hence the capacity of a combined sewer is based entirely upon the estimated volume of the storm and surface water. The consideration of combined sewers is not involved in the present problem.

### STONEHAM'S SEWERAGE FACILITIES

Stoneham's sewage is now collected by its own separate sewer system which discharges into the North Metropolitan sewer system. The sewage is carried through the Metropolitan sewers to a point of final discharge in Boston Harbor, off Deer Island.

Pumping is necessary at several points along the route of the North Metropolitan Sewers and this fact, together with the limited capacity of the sewers, makes it necessary to exclude storm and surface water. Although some storm and surface water now enters the Stoneham sewers, the sewers were not designed to carry it and are not large enough to be used for this purpose. If storm and surface water was permitted to enter the town sewers in volume, the sewers would become overloaded and the sewage would be forced back into the houses or would overflow upon the street surface leaving filthy accumulations there.

### NEED FOR SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE

Stoneham has made practically no provisions for adequate surface water drainage; sooner or later every growing community comes to realize that adequate means for the removal of storm and surface water are a necessity. Without proper provisions for its removal, storm water must flow for long distances through the streets to a natural outlet; it often accumulates in hollows and low areas forming stagnant pools. If storm water is not carried away promptly its accumulation during intense storms is almost certain to flood cellars and basements, and may cause considerable damage to material stored in them. The accumulation of water in cellars or in stagnant pools where mosquitos can breed is a potential menace to health. There are numerous instances of street and cellar flooding in Stoneham which could be permanently eliminated by the construction of a surface water drainage system.

The inadequacy or the entire lack of provisions to care for storm drainage has quite frequently resulted in damage suits against municipalities and oftentimes the municipalities have been judged liable.

It is distinctly advisable that the construction of surface

water drains should precede the laying of permanent street pavements; the expense of permanent paving is frequently unwarranted if a street lacks proper drainage. The building of drains in streets already provided with permanent paving involves expensive paving repairs, and such repairs are rarely satisfactory.

#### PROVISIONS FOR SURFACE DRAINAGE DETERMINED BY GROWTH OF POPULATION AND MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT

The growth in population and the expansion of municipal improvements generally go hand in hand. Growth in population requires the development of additional areas for proper housing, and on the other hand complete and up-to-date municipal improvements and utilities are essential factors in attracting outside population to settle in a community.

Street improvements are now demanded as a public necessity but these should not be provided until proposed underground structures have been installed.

Future growth in population together with the accompanying municipal developments, are fundamental considerations in determining the size and extent of the surface water drainage system which should be provided to serve a given community.

#### STONEHAM—A GROWING SUBURB OF GREATER BOSTON

The town of Stoneham is a growing suburb of Greater Boston. With its desirable home sites, its healthy altitude, its railroad and trolley service to Boston, its bus and trolley service to neighboring communities and its nearness to the picturesque Middlesex Fells, a part of which lies within the town, it bids fair to enjoy substantial growth as a residential community provided it keeps pace with the neighboring communities in making modern municipal improvements.

The town is bounded on the north by Reading and Wakefield, on the east by Wakefield and Melrose, on the south by Malden and Medford and on the west by Winchester and Woburn. Stoneham must be prepared to compete with all these bordering communities for its share of the residential population of Greater Boston.

The present population of the town is slightly over 9,000 and its total valuation about \$10,700,000. Formerly the town had numerous industries, some large and some small, which provided much employment for the community; as it has grown, some of the older enterprises have disappeared and the manufacturing activities have failed to keep pace with the increase in population so that it is now becoming less of a manufacturing community and more and more residential.

**Population, Past and Present.** Prior to 1840 the population



of the town was small and increased very slowly; during the next ten years, however, it more than doubled, growing from 1017 to 2043. An increased rate of growth continued and in 1890 the population had reached 6155. From 1890 to 1905 the growth was materially retarded, the actual increase amounting to less than 200. From 1905 to 1910 the population grew by more than 700 but again from 1910 to 1920 the growth was retarded being but slightly more than during the preceding five years. From 1920 to the present time, however, there has been a very substantial growth amounting to over half as much again as that of the preceding ten years. The population of the town by five-year intervals from 1890 to date is given in the following tabulation:

#### POPULATION OF STONEHAM, MASS.

##### 1890-1925 Inclusive

1890 .....	6,155
1895 .....	6,284
1900 .....	6,197
1905 .....	6,332
1910 .....	7,090
1915 .....	7,489
1920 .....	7,873
1925 .....	9,085

Stoneham has not grown to the magnitude of its bordering communities which are nearer to the industries of Greater Boston. Medford and Melrose are now growing at a rapid rate and Malden has reached a condition where there are no large areas remaining to be developed. As these neighboring communities become built up there is a growing tendency, which in fact has already asserted itself, for people to seek homes in Stoneham and other places equally near to Boston.

**Future Population.** In forecasting the future growth of any community numerous factors must be considered such as its past growth, its natural advantages, its nearness to other communities, its industries, its health record and the conditions of its municipal management and finances.

The present forecast of Stoneham's future population has been influenced by the fact that the town is residential in character and that there is nothing to warrant an assumption that it will become other than residential during the future period for which the proposed surface water drainage system is designed.

The proposed surface drainage system is planned of ample capacity to meet the conditions of development which may be expected about thirty years hence; this period is established by the General Laws of Massachusetts as the time limit within which

debt incurred for the construction of surface water drainage system must be paid.

If Stoneham should continue its growth at the rate experienced during the period 1920-1925 its population thirty years hence or in 1955 would be about 16,500. If it grew at the average rate experienced during the 20 year period from 1905 to 1925 it would have a population of about 13,000 in 1955. If it should have the growth which nearby larger communities of similar character have experienced since the time when they had the same population as Stoneham, the town might reach a population of about 18,000 by 1955. It is reasonable to assume that in 1955 the population will be between 16,000 and 18,000 people.

**Present Development.** For the most part the built up portion of the town is residential in character and of only moderate density. There are many acres of desirable land, well situated for residential development.

Industries occupy but a small portion of the town and are quite scattered; there is no well defined industrial section. The only centralized business area is in the vicinity of Main and Central Streets, between Union and Hancock Streets. This area is but moderately developed and could accommodate much more business without any great expansion of the business area.

**Future Development.** It is expected that within the future period for which the surface drainage system is planned the bulk of Stoneham's growth will be of a residential nature. The numerous vacant sections lying within the limits adopted for the built up area will be built upon and new developments may be expected along and adjacent to the traffic routes and highways radiating to the adjoining communities. Sections in the vicinity of Main, Elm, Franklin, Spring and William Streets would naturally come in for a considerable share of this future residential development.

Future industrial developments would probably locate along the lines of transportation but it is doubtful whether the growth of industries in Stoneham will be of sufficient proportions to have any material affect upon the problem of surface drainage.

The growth of population will naturally result in need for additional business facilities; it is very probable however that this need will be met by a more intensive development of the present business area rather than by an expansion of this area to any great distance beyond its present limits.

The proposed drainage system must therefore be designed on ample size and extent to serve the developed area when the town has grown to about twice its present population; the development being largely for residential purposes.

## TOPOGRAPHY AND NATURAL WATERSHEDS

In planning a surface water drainage system due consideration must be given to the topography of the area to be served and to the present drainage, both natural and artificial. In general the built-up portion of Stoneham lies at a relatively higher elevation than the areas bordering on it. By far the greater part of the town has a natural drainage outlet through Sweetwater Brook.

West of Main Street, and north of Lindenwood Road, there is a considerable area of meadow land. These meadows border Main Street and are adjacent to both Sweetwater Brook and its northerly branch. Higher and more rugged areas bound the meadows on the north and west. These higher areas have a natural drainage toward the meadows and the brook.

The area west of Main Street between Lindenwood Road and Winthrop Street is well above the valley of Sweetwater Brook and slopes northerly and westerly toward it; this area includes a well defined valley which extends from the vicinity of Maple and Warren Streets to Montvale Avenue.

An area adjoining Marble Street is nearly level and has no good natural drainage. South of this area the land is more rugged and rolling, with a natural drainage toward the southwest.

An area extending east of Main Street to Norval Avenue, Bow Street and Highland Avenue, and lying approximately between Broadway on the north and the line of Peabody Road on the south is traversed by the upper portion of Sweetwater Brook and its branches. The brook has its source in the southerly part of this area.

Easterly of the area just described there are two separate areas lying within the watershed of Crystal Lake; one area is nearly level and lies adjacent to Spring Street; the other borders Green Street and is quite rugged, having a definite slope toward the lake.

The area adjacent to and northerly of Broadway is quite rugged having a good natural drainage to the north branch of Sweetwater Brook which enters the main brook west of Main Street.

Southerly of Peabody Road between Pond Street and Main Street the natural drainage is toward the south and east to Doleful Pond; the southern part of this area is practically level with a very poor natural drainage.

Easterly of Highland Avenue and Pond Street there is an extensive flat low lying area both north and south of Franklin Street, the natural drainage of which is southerly toward Doleful Pond.

There is an area adjacent to Franklin Street and Perkins Street and bordering the Melrose line which naturally drains into Melrose eventually reaching Ell Pond.

### PRESENT DRAINAGE FACILITIES

**Sweetwater Brook Valley.** Sweetwater Brook is formed by two small branches which rise in the southerly part of its drainage area east of Main Street and unite in Gould Meadow. The easterly of the two branches has its source in the valley east of Pond Street and south of Summer Street. This branch consists of stretches of open ditch, pipe culvert and stone culvert; it crosses Summer, Hancock and Franklin Streets easterly of Pond Street and enters Gould Meadow just north of Franklin Street.

The westerly branch is fed by drainage from the low area south of Franklin Street between Pine and Pearl Streets and by surface water which collects south of Franklin Street in the low flat area east of Spencer Street. Open ditches in this latter area collect surface water and receive the flow from a 15-inch tile pipe extending across Pine Street. These ditches all empty into one large ditch which connects with stone culverts and pipes extending across Franklin Street, Pine Street and the railroad property near the Stoneham Station, finally joining the easterly branch in Gould Meadow.

Northerly of the meadow the main brook flows through old stone culverts and a stretch of large vitrified pipe, crossing Gould Street, the railroad and private property to Pleasant Street. Passing through a stone culvert at Pleasant Street it flows in an open ditch following the general direction of the railroad to Calthea Street. There is a stone culvert at Pomeworth Street and another at Calthea Street where the brook again crosses the railroad. From Calthea Street the brook flows northwesterly in an open channel, crossing under Elm, Central and Main Streets. Between Pomeworth Street and Elm Street the brook has a very good fall, but south of Pomeworth Street there is very little fall available; the area between Elm Street and Main Street is also very flat. At Main Street the general direction of the brook changes from northwesterly to southwesterly.

Westerly of Main Street the brook crosses Oak and William Streets and thence flows about midway between West and Cottage Streets to Lindenwood Road. The brook has but little fall between Main Street and Lindenwood Road. From Lindenwood Road it continues southwesterly following the general direction of the Boston and Maine Railroad into Woburn. Below Lindenwood Road



the brook passes through undeveloped areas and the Lindenwood cemetery.

A few surface water drains have been built, most of which empty into Sweetwater Brook; these are generally too small or in poor condition and should not be relied upon to form part of a permanent surface water drainage system. At Gould Street a drain discharges into Sweetwater Brook; this appears to be the outlet for the drain extending in Gould Street to Pine Street and along Pine Street to Common Street. A drain 12 inches and 15 inches in diameter extends along Spring Street, from Green Street to Pleasant Street, and along Pleasant Street to Sweetwater Brook. Another drain extends along Washington Street from Tremont Street to Pomeworth Street and along Pomeworth Street to the brook; this drain is practically all 15-inch pipe except the portion from Capen Street to the brook, which is 20-inch.

A branch brook enters Sweetwater Brook near Central Street. It rises north of Elm Street, near Park Avenue and flows westerly following the general direction of Elm Street; it consists largely of open ditch and stone culvert. This brook receives the drainage from the valley west of Duncklee Avenue through a culvert crossing Elm Street, just east of Washington Street. Another small stream drains the low area in the vicinity of Main, Collincote and Central Streets, flowing southerly to join the main brook at Main Street.

The North Branch of the main brook has its source east of Park Avenue near Broadway. This branch follows a north-westerly route across Park Avenue and High Street, turning southwesterly as it nears Main Street. It crosses Main Street and continues approximately parallel to it, through the Kimball ice pond to its junction with the main brook between Main Street and Oak Street.

The surface drainage from the valley extending from Maple Street to Montvale Avenue enters Sweetwater Brook north of the Lindenwood railroad station. An old drain extends practically the entire length of the valley; it is one of the largest of the existing surface water drains. This drain starts near the corner of Main and Hancock Streets and extends along Main Street and Maple Street to Wright Street and along the west gutter of Wright Street to Wright Street Court. It continues along Wright Street Court a short distance and then turns to follow the natural valley across private property to Hersam Street just west of Dr. Hersam's residence. From Hersam to Gilmore Streets the drain follows nearly parallel to Chestnut Street, from Gilmore Street it extends northerly to the intersection of Chestnut Street

and Montvale Avenue. Beyond Montvale Avenue there is an open channel and stone railroad culvert through which the drainage enters Sweetwater Brook. The drain in Wright Street and northerly from there to Hersam Street is of brickwork built egg-shape about 24 inches by 36 inches in size. It is in fair condition. From Hersam Street to Gilmore Street the drain is built of rough field stones and is badly in need of repair.

**Marble Street.** A part of the surface drainage from the area immediately south of Marble Street enters a ditch built about 250 feet south of Marble Street and approximately parallel to it. This ditch drains westerly entering a pipe culvert which discharges into an open stone culvert built along the easterly side of Park Road. The open stone culvert drains southerly discharging into the meadow lands west of Park Road and about one-third of a mile south of Marble Street.

**Wilson Estate.** The area bounded by Main Street, Peabody Road, Pond Street and South Street is drained partly by open ditch and partly by pipe drains. Starting north of Phinney's Terrace near Main Street the drainage route extends southerly, crossing Phinney's Terrace, Wilson Road, Fairway Road and Upland Road. East of Upland Road the drainage discharges into the improved drainage ditch which was built by the Metropolitan Water Works to carry surface drainage away from Spot Pond into Doleful Pond. The discharge from Doleful Pond is carried through open ditch and pipe line into Spot Pond Brook.

**Perkins Street.** The drainage area adjacent to Franklin Street and Perkins Street near the Melrose line is inadequately drained by a pipe culvert which crosses Perkins Street and Harrison Street between North Avenue and Rockland Street and discharges into the Melrose surface water drainage system.

There are other drainage channels of minor importance which have been enclosed where they pass through built-up areas or cross highways; these drainage provisions are generally of local value only and do not fit in with a comprehensive plan of surface water drainage.

The routes of the larger drainage channels, above described, govern the general location of the main drains of the proposed surface drainage system. The location of submain drains and lateral drains is governed largely by the layout of streets because such minor drains are generally provided to drain streets and areas closely adjoining them.

#### PROPOSED SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE SYSTEM

The system of surface water drainage proposed for Stoneham together with the areas which will be served by the various parts of the system are shown on the General Plan (page 47) of

this report. Sizes and approximate laying slopes are given for the major parts of the system which will be most urgently needed, as well as the approximate locations and extent of many of the smaller drains. It has been the intention to so plan the drainage system that with catch basins properly located for admitting surface water into the system, it will not be necessary for this water to flow across street intersections or along gutters for greater distances than about 400 feet. The laying slopes adopted for the drains will provide ample velocity of flow to prevent the accumulation of deposits in the drains themselves after the system is completed. It must be kept clearly in mind that the present studies and plans are preliminary only, that sizes and slopes given are approximate, and that a more complete study which must be made for the preparation of construction plans, may show minor changes to be advisable. Preliminary plans are suitable to determine the magnitude of a project but should never be relied upon for actual construction purposes.

The entire system of drainage is planned as a complete unit and even though local needs require that some drains be built before others this can safely be done with the assurance that when all drains are finally completed they will form a well balanced and co-ordinated system. A sequence for constructing the various parts of the system is suggested on page R-44.

Public Works of this nature are commonly financed by bond issue, and should be planned to have adequate capacity during the life of the bonds. Chapter 44, Section 7 of the General Laws of Massachusetts states that a city or town may incur debt for the construction of sewers for surface drainage purposes provided this debt is retired within a period of thirty years. We have therefor designed the surface drainage system of adequate size to serve the town thirty years hence and it will of necessity be somewhat large for present conditions. It would be a serious mistake to fail to provide for future conditions in planning permanent structures of this kind.

A detailed statement of the method used in designing the system is contained in Appendix A.

**Sweetwater Brook.** Sweetwater Brook is the natural outlet for the surface water drainage of that portion of Stoneham bounded approximately as follows: by the Wakefield line, Elm Street, Norval Avenue, Bow Street and Highland Avenue on the East; by Peabody Road, and Marble Street on the south; by the Woburn line on the west and by the Reading and Wakefield lines on the north.

The proposed plan of drainage provides for enclosing the

brook east of Main Street, while west of Main Street the plan provides only for enlargement and straightening of the present open channel.

**Sweetwater Brook Drain East of Main Street.** This drain will serve an area of about 450 acres, extending from the divide between Broadway and Elm Street on the north to the ridge near Peabody Road on the south, and from Main and Central Streets on the west to Norval Avenue, Bow Street and Highland Avenue on the east. This entire area includes smaller areas designated on the General Plan by Nos. 1 to 7 inclusive. Area No. 7 is the only one which is directly tributary to the main drain, the other areas being served through important branches of this drain. Area No. 7 although largely undeveloped contains a few business and industrial establishments, its nearness to the railroad making it well suited for this purpose. No extensive industrial development is anticipated here.

This part of Sweetwater Brook Drain is planned to follow the general route of the brook from Gould Street to Main Street. It will deviate slightly from the present brook channel thereby providing for a general straightening of its route. Between Gould Street and Pomeworth Street the drain will be 60 inches in diameter; this large size is necessary because of the small amount of fall available. From Pomeworth to Central Street the size will be reduced to 48 inches in diameter, this reduction in size being possible because of the steeper pitch which can be obtained. Between Central Street and Main Street the drain is to be 72 inches in diameter. At Gould Street the drain trench will be about 15 feet deep, at Pleasant Street 20 feet deep, at Pomeworth Street 14 feet deep, at Elm Street 10 feet deep and at Central St. about 10 feet deep. The depth at Gould Street is necessary to permit the entrance of branch drains serving low flat areas to the south. Construction of the main drain between Gould and Pomeworth Streets will replace street culverts and pipe drains which are of inadequate size and relatively too high to permit satisfactory drainage of Gould Meadow and the areas south of Franklin Street. This portion of the main drain between Gould and Pomeworth Streets should be included as part of the first construction work undertaken.

Construction of improved surface drainage facilities south of Pomeworth Street will cause storm water to concentrate north of Pomeworth Street more rapidly than it does at present and thereby materially hasten the time when it will be necessary to enclose the brook through this latter area. Straightening and



enlarging of the brook channel would serve as a temporary remedy for this difficulty.

The estimated cost of the main drain from Gould Street to Pomeworth Street is about \$37,000 and from Pomeworth Street to Main Street about \$65,000.

**Sweetwater Brook Drain West of Main Street.** Sweetwater Brook west of Main Street flows through areas which are largely undeveloped and which probably will not develop sufficiently to warrant the expense of enclosing the brook channel as a part of the surface drainage system recommended herein. With the improvement of the brook channel east of Main Street and the construction of drains tributary to it, it will eventually become necessary to regrade, enlarge and straighten sections of the brook between Main Street and Lindenwood Road. These improvements will be almost entirely ditching work; this work should follow the route of the present channel very closely. Ditching is of course much less permanent than enclosing the brook and because of the shorter life of this type of channel it need not have capacity for a long period in the future. It can therefor be made relatively smaller than the permanent structures recommended. The open channel between Main Street and its junction with the north branch should have a cross-sectional area of about 20 square feet, between this junction and Oak Street 35 square feet, between Oak Street and William Street 45 square feet, and between William Street and Lindenwood Road 35 square feet. The smaller size of channel below William Street is possible on account of the steeper pitch which can be obtained.

The route of an enclosed conduit to eventually replace the present brook channel between Main Street and Lindenwood Road is shown on the General Plan. This conduit would cross Oak Street, William Street and Lindenwood Road at the present culverts. The size of this conduit has not been determined because, as already stated, it is felt that unless some unexpected development occurs the enclosing of the brook will not be warranted during the future period for which the proposed surface water drains are designed.

#### BRANCHES OF SWEETWATER BROOK DRAIN

##### West Branch Drain—Area No .1

This drain is planned to care for the drainage from an area now tributary to the pipe drain entering Gould Meadow from the west. The area is designated on the General Plan as No. 1. Roughly it is bounded by Gould Street at the north, by the railroad and the divide west of Pond Street at the east, at the south by the high land south of Peabody Road and at the west by Main Street, Wright Street and Central Street. It contains about 80

acres. This area includes a large part of the business section of the town, together with residential areas which are quite fully developed.

The drain will have its upper end in Main Street south of Summer Street, and will extend along Main Street to Hancock St., along Hancock St. to Spencer St. and along Spencer St. part way to Franklin Street. It will then extend easterly to a point about midway between Pine Street and Spencer Street where it will join a branch drain from Pine Street. From this junction it will extend northeasterly along private property, crossing Franklin Street and Pine Street and continue along the west side of the railroad property to Sweetwater Brook Drain at Gould Street. The drain will vary from 15 inches in diameter in Main Street to 48 inches in diameter at its lower end. The drain trench will be about 7 feet deep in Main Street and 15 to 18 feet deep north of Franklin Street.

Existing drainage facilities in this area are entirely inadequate. The bottom of the culvert at Pine Street near the railroad station is more than 2 feet higher than the bottom of the ditch south of Franklin Street. This condition, together with the inadequate size of the pipe across Pine Street and the railroad property, results in serious flooding of the areas immediately south of Franklin Street. The proposed drain will be large enough and deep enough to eliminate the present flooding troubles. Property values in this section should be materially increased by this improvement.

The piece of West Branch Drain from Gould Street to the point where Pine Street Branch Drain joins it south of Franklin Street should be a part of the first construction work undertaken.

Pine Street drain is the principal branch of West Branch Drain. From its upper end in Peabody Road it will extend along Peabody Road to Middlesex Road, along Middlesex Road and its extension to Summer Street, along Summer Street to Pine Street and along Pine Street nearly to Franklin. It will leave Pine Street and join the main drain in the low area west of Pine Street and south of Franklin Street. The lower portion of the drain will consist of 24-inch and 30-inch pipe.

There will be minor branches of West Branch Drain in Pine Street, Franklin Street and Lynden Street. A branch of Pine Street drain will care for the low area south of Franklin Street, and adjoining Pine and Pearl Streets.

The estimated cost of West Branch Drain from Gould Street to Pine Street Branch is \$19,000 and from Pine Street Branch to







the upper end in Main Street, \$21,000. The estimated cost of Pine Street Branch drain is \$21,000.

#### **East Branch Drain—Area No. 2**

This drain will serve an area designated as No. 2 on the General Plan, bounded approximately as follows: at the north by Gould Street and Pleasant Street, at the east and south by the natural divide east and south of Summer Street, and at the west by the railroad and the divide west of Pond Street. The area is moderately developed as a residential section and includes several undeveloped tracts, one of which is Gould Meadow.

The proposed drain will follow the general course of the brook which now drains this area. Its upper end will be at a culvert crossing Summer Street, just east of Pond Street, where two minor branches in Summer Street will join. From Summer Street it will extend northerly across private property and Hancock Street, between Pond and Summer Streets, to Franklin Street. This part of the drain will be 27 inches in diameter. From Franklin Street to Gould Street the drain will cross Gould Meadow and because of the very slight fall available it will have to be 42 inches in diameter. Across private property the trench will be but 5 to 6 feet deep but at the street crossings it will be considerably more; at Gould Street the depth will be about 14 feet. Branch drains will be needed in Franklin, Hancock, Summer and Pond Streets.

The culvert across Franklin Street is lower than the open ditch into which it now discharges and the culverts and pipes south of Franklin Street are of inadequate size. The proposed drains will eliminate the surface and cellar flooding which now occurs south of Franklin Street. Across Gould Meadow the drain will be low enough to serve as an outlet for a system of underdrains which should be built to "dry out" the meadow.

The estimated cost of building the East Branch Drain from Gould Street to Franklin Street is \$24,500 and from Franklin Street to Summer Street \$10,500.00.

#### **Gould Street Drain—Area No. 3**

The Gould Street Drain will serve an area designated as No. 3 on the General Plan. It borders Bow and Stevens Streets on the east and Washington and Pleasant Streets on the west, and extends nearly to Myrtle Street on the north and to the divide between Gould and Franklin Streets on the south. The area is residential and moderately developed. Additional future development is to be expected.

From its upper end at the corner of Bow and Eustis Streets the drain will extend along Bow Street to Green Street, along

Green Street to Spring Street, along Spring Street to Pleasant Street, along Pleasant Street to Gould Street and down Gould Street to Sweetwater Brook drain. It will vary in size from 15 inches in Green Street to 27 inches in Gould Street. The trench will have an average depth of about 9 feet. Branch drains are planned to be built in Pleasant Street, Gould Street, and Washington Street.

The existing 12 inch and 15 inch drain in Spring Street is of adequate size for present conditions but will be inadequate for the future development of the area and should not be used as part of the proposed drainage system.

The estimated cost of the Gould Street main drain is \$22,000.

#### **Pomeworth Street Drain—Area No. 4**

The area served by Pomeworth Street Drain is designated as No. 4 on the General Plan. It lies adjacent to Washington Avenue, Myrtle Street, Avon Street and Pomeworth Street, and extends from Green Street on the east to the railroad on the west. This section is a moderately developed residential district and will continue to develop as such.

The upper end of the proposed drain will extend along Green Street to Myrtle Street, along Myrtle Street to Washington Street, along Washington Street to Pomeworth Street, and down Pomeworth Street across the railroad to Sweetwater Brook Drain. The size will vary from 12 inches to 24 inches. The average depth of the drain trench will be about 8 feet. A branch drain will extend along Washington Avenue and Washington Street, to the main drain.

The drains planned for this area need not be built until the existing drain in Washington Street and Pomeworth Street becomes inadequate to serve the area. Use of this existing drain as part of the ultimate drainage system is not advisable.

The estimated cost of the proposed Pomeworth Street Drain is \$15,000.

#### **Elm Street Brook Drain—Area No. 5**

The area served by Elm Street Brook Drain is designated on the General Plan as No. 5. This area includes about 130 acres; it extends from Norval Avenue on the east to Collincote Street on the west and from Tremont Street on the south to the natural divide south of Broadway on the north. The area is moderately developed as a residential section. There are several fairly large undeveloped sections where future developments may well be expected.

Part of the area is now drained by a brook north of, and approximately parallel to Elm Street. The brook channel is in

poor condition and badly grown up with weeds. Nearly all of the street culverts need repair and are too small to carry away the water from heavy storms, without flooding the areas adjacent to them. These difficulties will be eliminated by constructing the proposed drains.

The main drain for this area will follow approximately the route of the brook, deviating at several places to provide for straightening. Commencing at the corner of Park Avenue and Elm Street the drain will extend northerly in Park Avenue to the brook and thence about parallel to Elm Street crossing Washington, High, Waverly and Collincote Streets and entering Sweetwater Brook drain near Central Street. It will vary from 12 inches in diameter at the upper end to 36 inches in diameter at the lower end. The drain trench will vary from about 7 feet to 10 feet in depth.

Several branch drains will enter the main drain. Tremont Street Branch Drain will start with its upper end at Prospect Street and extend along Washington Court to Washington Street, along Washington Street to Tremont Street, along Tremont Street, across Elm Street and along Waverly Street to the main drain. This branch will vary from 18 inches to 27 inches in diameter. Other branches will enter the main drain from Collincote, Waverly, High and Washington Streets. A branch entering the main drain just east of Washington Street will care for the drainage from the undeveloped valley south of Elm Street between Dunklee Avenue and Washington Street.

The estimated cost of Elm Street Brook Main Drain is \$24,000 and of Tremont Street Branch Drain \$19,000.

#### **Central Street, North—Area No. 6**

Part of the area adjacent to Central Street north of Elm Street is designated on the General Plan as No. 6. The development in this area consists of a few houses along Central Street. Drainage provisions here will depend upon whether or not the street is to be regraded; regrading would improve the drainage. In any event the drainage from this area should be discharged into Sweetwater Brook Drain above Main Street. With the present grading of the street the logical drain location is along the small brook west of Central Street, the upper end of the drain being at the low point in the street.

#### **North Branch Drainage System—Area No. 8**

The area tributary to the North Branch of Sweetwater Brook is designated on General Plan as No. 8. This area, amounting to about 475 acres, includes practically all of the town north of the natural divide between Broadway and Elm Streets. With a

few exceptions this area has only a very scattering development. The principal development has been on Broadway and High Street where the natural surface drainage conditions do not as yet require artificial drainage. The cost of drains for the low parts of the area probably will not be warranted until the more desirable high lands have been developed and the provision for surface drainage of these higher areas makes necessary the building of an outlet through the meadows.

A system of drainage to serve this area is shown on the General Plan. A main drain having its upper end in Broadway between High Street and Park Avenue would extend easterly to the low point east of Park Avenue; it would then follow northwesterly along the valley, crossing Park Avenue and High Street. Turning southwesterly it would continue along the brook valley and then leave the valley to cross Main Street at right angles; it would then extend southerly, parallel to Main Street, and join Sweetwater Brook opposite the large Main Street culvert. The lower portion of the main drain which is parallel to Main Street would also be parallel to the North Metropolitan sewer just outside of its right of way. Branch drains entering the main drain from Collincote Street, Oak Street, Broadway, George Street, High Street and Park Avenue together with other drains which will be determined by the future layout of streets, will serve the more remote parts of the drainage area. There is no urgent need for a surface water drainage system to serve this area at present and in fact the uncertainty of the future need of surface drainage here does not warrant its further consideration at this time.

#### **Oak Street Drain—Area No. 9**

The area designated as No. 9 on the General Plan can be served by a main drain built in Oak Street. This area has, as yet, been developed only slightly and its natural drainage will be adequate until much greater development has taken place here.

Sizes of the Oak Street drain can not be correctly determined until a street plan is adopted for this area and the location of lateral drains is fixed.

#### **Williams Street Drain—Area No. 10**

This drain will serve the area designated as No. 10 on the General Plan. This area is residential but has not been built up to any great extent. There is a growing tendency to build here however, and a considerable future development may be expected. Until streets have been laid out a surface drainage system can not be planned. The route of a main drain having an outlet at Sweetwater Brook and extending along Williams Street is shown but its size will depend upon the location of streets entering



Williams Street. The topography of this area is quite favorable for surface drainage.

#### **Central Street, South 'Drain—Area No. 11**

This drain is planned to serve an area adjoining Williams and Elm Streets between Main Street and Sweetwater Brook, also an area adjoining Central Street between Winter and Williams Streets. The area is designated as No. 11 on the General Plan; it includes about 27 acres of the most densely built up part of the town. Part of the area is devoted to business and the rest is residential. The extent to which this area is developed makes it particularly advisable to provide surface drainage here. There are numerous street intersections where surface water accumulates after heavy storms, for want of proper provisions to carry it away. The construction of the proposed drains will eliminate this difficulty.

The main drain proposed for this area will commence with its upper end at the corner of Main and Church Streets and extend along Church Street to Central Street, along Central Street to Williams Street and along Williams Street to Sweetwater Brook. It will vary in size from 12 inches to 30 inches; the trench will range from 7 feet to 12 feet in depth. The only branch required will be in Elm Street from Main Street to the main drain.

The estimated cost of Central Street Drain is \$32,500.00

#### **West Street Drain—Area No. 12**

West Street drain is planned to serve the newly developed residential section adjacent to West Street and Lindenwood Road west of Sweetwater Brook. This area is designated as No. 12 on the General Plan. The flat area adjacent to West Street will need surface drains before the higher area to the west, which has more favorable natural drainage.

The main drain will start in West Street and extend southerly to Lindenwood Road and along Lindenwood Road to Sweetwater Brook. A short branch will be necessary in Lindenwood Road west of West Street.

The estimated cost of the main drain is \$8,500.00

#### **Lindenwood Road Drain—Area No. 13**

This drain is planned to serve the area designated as No. 13 on the General Plan. This area is bounded approximately by Williams Street on the north, Main Street on the east, Montvale Avenue on the south and Cottage Street on the west. The area is practically all residential in character and quite fully developed. The natural topography is favorable to good drainage.

The upper end of the main drain for this area will start at the corner of Main Street and Lindenwood Road and extend along Lindenwood Road to Sweetwater Brook; it will be 12 inches and 18 inches in diameter and the trench will average about 7 feet deep. There will be branches of the main drain in Cottage Street on both sides of the Lindenwood Road and a branch extending along Rowe Street and easterly in Flint Avenue to Main Street.

The estimated cost of the main drain is \$9,000.00.

#### **Hersam Brook Drain—Area No. 14**

This drain has been designed to eventually replace the existing drain which now serves the valley west of Wright Street and north of Maple Street. Part of the existing drain is of ample size but the lower portion, which is built of rough field stones, will probably need to be replaced before the upper portion, which is built of brickwork. The brick portion is egg-shape approximately 24 inches by 36 inches.

The area served is designated as No. 14 on the General Plan; it is bounded approximately by Montvale Avenue on the north, Main Street on the east, Hancock Street on the south and the natural divide west of Chestnut Street on the west. This area, containing about 55 acres, is one of the most fully developed in town and includes a part of the business area.

Starting with the upper end of the main drain at the corner of Main Street and Maple Street it will extend along Maple Street, Wright Street, Wright Street Court and across private property following the route of the existing drain to Sweetwater Brook. The drain will vary in size from 12 inches diameter at the upper end to 27 inches diameter at the lower end. The drain trench in Wright Street will be about 7 feet deep, at Gilmore Street, about 9 feet deep and at Montvale Avenue about 14 feet deep. The trench across Hersam Street will be quite deep on account of the filling of the street here. The main drain will have several branches, one in Montvale Avenue, from Main Street to Chestnut Street, two in Gilmore Street one on either side of the main drain; one in Hersam Street from Main Street to the main drain; one in Hersam and Chestnut Streets; one in Wright Street Court and one extending westerly from the main drain in Maple, Lincoln and Congress Streets. Construction of Hersam Brook main drain northerly of Hersam Street to replace the existing stone structure will eliminate the flooding troubles which are now experienced immediately south of Hersam Street. The brick drain south of Hersam Street will probably be satisfactory for some time to come.

The estimated cost of the main drain from Main Street to

Hersam Street is about \$14,000.00 and from Hersam Street to Sweetwater Brook about \$13,500.00. The estimated cost of the Montvale Avenue branch drain is \$7,500.00

#### Maple Street Drain—Area No. 15

This drain serves an area designated on the General Plan as No. 15. This area extends roughly from Maple Street and Cedar Avenue on the north nearly to Marble Street on the south and from Congress and Lincoln Streets on the east to the divide between Park Street and Hill Street on the west; it includes about 65 acres. The area is nearly all residential in character, the easterly portion being developed much more thickly than the westerly; we believe that this relative condition of development will continue to exist. The drains planned are adequate to care for a normal future growth. The flooding of cellars which has occasionally occurred in the vicinity of Winthrop and Park Streets will be eliminated by construction of the proposed drains.

The upper end of Maple Street drain will be at the junction of Lincoln and Winthrop Streets. The drain will extend westerly in Winthrop Street to Park Street, northerly in Park Street to Atwood Avenue, westerly along Atwood Avenue, then northerly across private property and Glen Road, and along the valley between Glen Road and Atwood Avenue, to Maple Street, and down Maple Street to Sweetwater Brook. It will vary from 15 inches diameter to 30 inches diameter. On account of the relatively steep pitch at which the portion below Glen Road can be laid this part will be 24 inches and 27 inches in diameter. Near the corner of Winthrop and Dean Streets the drain trench will be about 8 feet deep; at the corner of Park Avenue and Atwood Avenue it will be about 10 feet deep, and in Maple Street the average depth will be about 7 feet. Besides the main drain there will be several branch drains; one extending from the main drain in Maple Street along Maple Street to Cedar and along Cedar for about 400 feet; one in Park Street north of Atwood Avenue; one in Park Street south of Winthrop Street and one in Dean Street south of Winthrop Street.

The estimated cost of the Maple Street main drain is \$36,500.

#### DRAINS OUTSIDE SWEETWATER BROOK DRAINAGE AREA

##### Marble Street Drainage—Area No. 16

An independent drain is planned to care for an area of about 55 acres west of Main Street and adjacent to Marble Street. This area is designated as No. 16 on the General Plan. It has a

moderate residential development and is well suited for additional development in the future.

The proposed drain would have its upper end in Marble Street opposite Warren Street; it would extend southerly from Marble Street along Webster Place about 250 feet and then turn west-erly along the route of an old ditch. Crossing Park Road it would follow along a depression and discharge into the steep valley on the north side of Marble Street. Because of the flat-ness of the area and lack of fall a comparatively large drain will be needed. It will vary from 18 inches to 39 inches in diameter, and the trench will vary from 5 feet to 12 feet deep. By build-ing the drain in this location it is possible to avoid the tearing up of Marble Street. Several minor branches would be needed to carry the surface water from Marble Street to the proposed drain.

Construction of this drain will eliminate the flooding of street surfaces and cellars along Marble Street and vicinity, and will drain the low pocket south of Marble Street and near the Winchester town line. Under present conditions this pocket is frequently filled with foul stagnant water and affords an excel-lent place for mosquitoes to breed.

The estimated cost of Marble Street drain is about \$26,500.

#### **Wilson Estate Drainage—Area No. 17**

This area is entirely outside the watershed of Sweetwater Brook. It is designated as No. 17 and is bounded approximately by Peabody Road, Pond Street, South Street, and Main Street. The northerly part of the area is undeveloped but the southerly part has been recently developed as a residential section. Devel-opment of this area will probably continue.

Present drainage provisions here are not adequate to care for heavy storms and larger surface water drains should be provided before spending much money for street surfacing.

The developed portion of the area is very flat being only a few feet above the normal water level of Doleful Pond; this con-dition makes surface drainage difficult and necessitates large drain sizes. The proposed drain will start with its upper end in Main Street about 600 feet north of Phinney's Terrace and ex-tend along Main Street to Phinney's Terrace and then along Phinney's Terrace to the brook crossing and along the route of the brook to Wilson Road near Fairway Road, along Fairway Road about 300 feet and thence easterly across private property and Upland Road to the improved drainage ditch, where it will discharge. This drainage ditch was built by the Metropolitan Water Works to divert surface drainage from Spot Pond. The



proposed drain will be 24 inches diameter at the upper end and 33 inches diameter at the lower end. The drain trench will average about 8 feet deep. A short branch drain is planned extending from the main drain along Wilson Road to Parkway Road.

The estimated cost of the main drain is \$16,500.

#### **Green Street Drains—Area No. 18**

The area which will be served by the Green Street drains, is designated on the General Plan as No. 18. This area is bounded approximately by Elm Street on the north, Green Street on the east and south and Norval Avenue on the west; it lies entirely within the watershed of Crystal Lake, which is the water supply for Wakefield, and the construction of drains discharging outside this watershed would be an expensive undertaking.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health have adopted regulations for the protection of Crystal Lake as a public water supply, and we have therefore submitted our plan of drains for this area to the Department for review. Their advice regarding the plan is as follows:

#### **OFFICE OF DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, STATE HOUSE,**

Boston, October 26, 1925.

To the Joint Surface Drainage Committee  
Stoneham, Massachusetts  
Mr. George A. Hinchliffe, Secretary.

Gentlemen:

The Department of Public Health has considered a communication, received through your engineers, Messrs. Fay, Spofford and Thorndike, of Boston, dated September 10, 1925, relative to a system of drainage for the town of Stoneham within the watershed of Crystal Lake, the source of water supply of the town of Wakefield, and the general plan of the proposed system of drainage submitted therewith.

Two separate drainage areas are involved in this plan affecting the watershed of Crystal Lake, one lying adjacent to Green Street and Elm Street within the watershed of Crystal Lake and the other lying near Spring Street and East Street adjacent to the southerly border of that watershed but not at present within its limits. In the first mentioned area, which contains 40.8 acres, there are now in the neighborhood of 120 inhabitants, and as there are no public sewers in this watershed all of the sewage is disposed of into vaults and cesspools in

the neighborhood of the dwelling houses. The proposed plan provides for drains in the streets in this area to collect and remove therefrom surface water and ground drainage which is to be discharged into streams which are tributary to Crystal Lake at points which are distance approximately 300 feet to 1000 feet therefrom.

The Department has considered the plan presented and is of the opinion that it is very desirable that drainage be provided as soon as practicable in the areas indicated upon the plan submitted, and the proposed outlets would be unobjectionable were it not for the fact that the streams into which it is proposed to discharge the drains are tributary to Crystal Lake, the source of water supply of the town of Wakefield. The effect of the drains would be to concentrate and divert more rapidly into Crystal Lake the drainage which now reaches that water supply from this portion of its watershed, and it is not desirable that this drainage should be concentrated and diverted into the lake while the water is used for the supply of Wakefield under present conditions. It appears to the Department, however, that the construction of the drainage system in Stoneham will involve considerable time and that the construction of drains in the areas indicated upon the plan submitted is not likely to be reached for a year or more. In the meantime, the question of improvement of the water supply of the town of Wakefield will naturally be taken up in connection with plans for an enlarged water supply for the Metropolitan Water District which are to be submitted for the consideration of the Legislature at the coming session. Under the circumstances, while the plan submitted appears to be a satisfactory one, the Department recommends that the construction be postponed for at least one year in order that opportunity may be had to determine what change may take place in the water supply of Wakefield.

In the second area mentioned adjacent to the southerly border of the watershed, there are at the present time some 50 houses not yet provided with sewerage, and the conditions as to drainage in this area are in all respects similar to those of the one already considered. In the opinion of the Department, it is advisable to postpone the construction of the drains in this area also for at least a year until the question of the future of the Wakefield water supply can be given further consideration.

Respectfully,

George H. Bigelow, M. D.

Acting as Commissioner of Public Health.

In view of this advice from the Department of Health and the suggestion of possible changes in the water supply of Wakefield, as a result of the findings of the Metropolitan Water Supply Investigating Commission, we believe it advisable to recommend for future construction a plan of drains in this area which will discharge within Crystal Lake watershed. Natural drainage conditions here are very favorable however and there will probably be no need for drain construction until a considerably later date than that suggested by the Department of Health for the deferment of construction.

The proposed drains are planned to discharge at two low points in Green Street, one drain will serve Elm Street and the northerly end of Green Street and the other will serve Garden Road and Green Street as far south as Bow Street.

If drains proposed for this area should be constructed while Crystal Lake is still used as a public water supply, special provisions should be made for protecting the supply by intercepting the street and other surface washings which may be discharged from the drains. Construction of a small sand bed of filter upon which each drain could discharge would remove the surface washings from the water before it entered Crystal Lake. Such beds would require frequent attention to keep them clean and in proper operating condition, as they would otherwise be of little value.

#### **Spring Street and East Street Drains—Area No. 19**

These drains have been planned to serve the area designated as No. 19 on the General Plan. This area lies along Spring Street and East Streets, between Green Street and the Wakefield line; it is nearly level and consequently the natural drainage is poor. The area is only moderately developed, but several houses have been built here during the present year and it is quite probable that this development will continue.

Part of the surface water from this area now drains toward the north, eventually reaching Crystal Lake, which is the water supply for Wakefield. The surface water from this part of the area south of Spring Street drains southerly toward Doleful Pond. Near Elwood Avenue there are several hollow areas where surface water collects during heavy storms.

Several schemes of drainage improvement have been considered for this area but the discharge of the entire surface drainage toward the north is by far the most practical and economical plan. Any other suitable plan would involve either pumping or an excessively deep trench and possibly tunnel construction. As in the case of the Green Street area, the drainage improvements recommended will concentrate the discharge of

surface water at several places in the Crystal Lake watershed and will result in a more rapid flow from the area served. The advice of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, whose letter is quoted on page R-31 covers the drains proposed for this area, and it is not expected that the proposed drains will be built until after the date suggested by the Department of Health.

The entire area is to be served by three separate drains; one drain starting in East Street about 400 feet from the Wakefield line will extend westerly along East Street to Whipple Avenue, and along Whipple Avenue, discharging at the steep bank. On account of the depth at which this drain must be placed to properly serve the hollow areas near Elwood Avenue it must be laid with flat slopes which require the use of large sizes; the drain will vary from 20 inches to 30 inches in diameter. At its upper end it will intercept the flow of water which now crosses East Street from the swampy area to the south, and thereby partly relieve the flooding of areas adjacent to Elwood Avenue. Construction of a branch drain in Elwood Avenue will afford an outlet for surface water originating north of East Street. The estimated cost of the drain in East Street and Whipple Avenue is \$18,000.00. If the hollow areas near Elwood Avenue were partly filled it would not be necessary to lay the drain so deep and smaller sizes could probably be used, thereby effecting a saving in the cost of this drain.

A second drain is planned in Spring Street extending easterly from Eustis Street about 1200 feet, then turning north across private property and discharging at the bank. A third drain is planned to start in Spring Street about 500 feet west of Whipple Avenue and extend north across private property to the bank. Parts of the drains which will cross private property should be so located that they will lie within streets, built in the future when this section is developed.

Sand beds similar to those suggested for the Green Street drains should, of course, be provided if the drains serving this area are built while Crystal Lake is still used as a public water supply.

#### **Franklin St. and Harrison St. Drains—Area No. 20**

An area of about 140 acres in the extreme easterly part of Stoneham adjoining Franklin and Perkins Streets is part of the watershed of Melrose Street Brook, which flows through Melrose, and should be cared for by drains discharging into the Melrose surface drainage system. This area is designated on the General Plan as No. 20. Its development is entirely residential in character and doubtless will continue to be such.



The built-up area northeast of Franklin Street can be served by a drain in Franklin Street and a branch drain in Isabella Street. The area southwest of Franklin Street can be served by a drain in Harrison Street, North Avenue and Perkins Street, and a branch drain in Harrison Street. The drain in Perkins Street should be deep enough to drain the low area to the southwest of Franklin and Perkins Streets.

Before undertaking the construction of drains in this section a definite agreement should be made with the City of Melrose, giving Stoneham premission to discharge surface drainage into the Melrose drainage system and establishing the terms under which the privilege is granted, as well as the charge, if any, for extending the Melrose drainage system to a point in Franklin Street, where the drains from Stoneham can enter it. A letter from the Superintendent of Public Works of Melrose in reply to a communication from your Engineers indicates that he recognizes that surface drainage from this part of Stoneham should be discharged into the Melrose surface drainage system. The letter follows:

City Hall, Melrose, Mass.  
Sept. 16, 1925

Fay, Spofford & Thorndike,  
200 Devonshire Street,  
Boston, Mass.

Attention of Mr. R. W. Horne.

Dear Sir:—

I am in receipt of your recent communication with plan regarding surface water drainage from a portion of Stoneham adjacent to Melrose.

As you state in your communication, the City of Melrose in 1900 recognized the fact that this area should be drained into its system, and I see no reason now for making any change from that which was recommended at that time.

However, this is a matter which must be submitted to the Board of Aldermen, previous to which certain investigations must be made by this Department, as there is at present no conduit available on Franklin Street.

I will be glad to confer with you or the Stoneham officials at any time that may be convenient to both.

Very truly yours,  
Frank Emerson,

Engr. & Supt. Public Works

Natural drainage conditions for this part of Stoneham are very poor and by constructing the proposed drains, the flooding of

cellars and yards in the vicinity of Perkins, Harrison and Franklin Streets can be eliminated.

The drain in Franklin Street will vary from 18 inches to 24 inches in diameter and in Perkins, North and Harrison Streets the sizes will range from 36 inches to 39 inches. The large size of these latter drains is due to the flat grade on which they must be laid and also to the large tributary area southwest of Franklin and Perkins Streets. To serve only the present built-up area much smaller drains could be used.

The estimated cost of the main drains, exclusive of the branches, is \$25,000.

#### **Lowlands Bordering Franklin St.—Area No. 21**

There is an extensive area east of Stevens Street and extending from Spring Street to Doleful Pond, which is practically undeveloped at present. Between Spring Street and Franklin Street the area is low and wet and of little value in its present condition. South of Franklin Street a part of the area is low while some of it is high enough to be suitable for development if it was made more accessible.

The entire area can be drained by open ditches which will have an outlet into Doleful Pond. Some ditching has already been done here, but it has not been properly maintained; the ditches have become grown up and filled up and are now of only limited value for drainage. Surface drainage from Franklin Street should be collected at the low points in the Street, and discharged directly into open ditches draining the adjoining low lands. The expense of constructing enclosed drains to serve these low areas is not warranted at present.

#### **CONSTRUCTION COSTS**

Estimates of the cost to construct the major parts of the proposed surface water drainage system, which are most urgently needed, have already been given under the description of the various parts of the system. In estimating construction costs due consideration has been given to local conditions and a reasonable allowance has been made for rock excavation and for poor foundations; no allowance has been made to cover the expense of land takings or damages. More accurate estimates of the factors affecting excavation and foundations cannot be made until underground conditions have been studied by making borings or by digging testpits along the routes of the drains. The underground conditions should be definitely determined in connection with the preparation of detail plans for the actual construction work.

In making use of the cost figures given herein, it must be

recognized that methods of construction, whether by contract or by municipal forces, are apt to have a material effect upon construction costs. It is frequently the case where extensive work of this nature is involved that it is not all built at one time; if built in several parts and if these parts are fairly large, it often happens that it can be done most economically, by letting the work to contractors having complete and efficient equipment to handle it. Our estimates are based on the assumption that the work will be built by contract. The estimated costs are determined from current prices, which are constantly changing; this constant fluctuation in prices may make considerable difference between the present estimated costs and the actual construction costs if the carrying out of the work is long postponed. Estimated costs may be somewhat affected by minor changes in the general plan, found advisable as a result of the more detailed studies which must be made for the preparation of construction plans.

Where work is built by contract, the most satisfactory results are usually obtained and the interests of the town best protected if the work is done under competent engineering supervision and inspection.

A summary of the estimated costs is given in the following tabulation. These costs are also given in the suggested "Sequence of Construction" which is included in the Conclusions and Recommendations of this report.

#### ESTIMATED COST OF DRAINS

Sweetwater Brook Drain, East of Main St.		
Gould St. to Pomeworth St.	\$37,000.	
Pomeworth St. to Main St.	65,000.	\$102,000.
West Branch Drain		
Upper end in Main St. to Junction with Pine St. Drain	21,000	
Pine St. Drain to Gould St.	19,000.	
Pine St. Drain	21,000.	61,000.
East Branch Drain		
Summer St. to Franklin St.	10,500.	
Franklin St. to Gould St.	24,500.	35,000.
Gould St. Drain		22,000.
Pomeworth St. Drain		15,000.
Elm St. Brook Drain		
Elm St. to Central St.	24,000.	
Tremont St. Drain	19,000.	43,000.
Central St., South, Drain		32,500.
Lindenwood Rd. Drain		9,000.
West St. Drain		8,500.

<b>Hersam Brook Drain</b>		
Main St. to Hersam St.	14,000.	
Hersam St. to Sweetwater Brook	13,500.	
Montvale Ave. Drain	7,500.	35,000.
Maple St. Drain		36,500.
Marble St. Drain		26,500.
Wilson Estate Drain		16,500.
Harrison St., North Ave. and Perkins St. Drain		15,000.
Franklin St. Drain		8,000.
East St. and Whipple Ave Drain		18,000.

Note: Costs include allowances for Engineering and Administration, but do not include the cost of Land Takings and Damages.

### FUNDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SURFACE DRAINAGE SYSTEM

It has already been explained that the General Laws of Massachusetts permit a town to incur debt, within its debt limit, for the construction of sewers for sanitary and surface drainage purposes, payable within a period of thirty years. This privilege is commonly exercised where extensive construction work is undertaken, involving a considerable outlay of funds.

If a town cannot raise the necessary funds without exceeding its allowable debt limit, special action by the Legislature must be resorted to. Such legislative action would have to be obtained by Stoneham if the town decided to construct all the drains needed to relieve the areas where flooding has occurred. In 1924 the Town had a debt limit of about \$254,000, and its outstanding debt was about \$202,000, leaving approximately \$52,000 which could be spent within the established debt limit. While definite figures are not yet available for the 1925 debt limit it is possible that the increase in debt limit resulting from the town's increased valuation for 1925, together with the retirement of some of the outstanding debt, might increase the amount which can be spent within the debt limit to about \$70,000.

**Effect on Taxes**—Estimates have been made to determine what increase would be necessary in Stoneham's tax rate for each \$100,000 spent on surface drainage. These figures are based on the 1925 valuation of the town which is about \$10,700,000 and on the assumption that the debt incurred will be financed by 4 per cent, thirty-year Serial Bonds sold to yield 4 1-2 per cent. The annual amount of principal and interest charges combined would range from \$7,729 for the first year to \$3,654 for the thirtieth year; this represents an increase in the 1925 tax rate of \$0.72 per



\$1,000 valuation for the first year and \$0.34 for the thirtieth year, or an average of \$0.53 for the entire 30 year period. With the future increase in the town's valuation, which may logically be expected, the increase in tax rate would be even less than that stated above.

## CONCLUSIONS

Stoneham has made practically no provisions for adequate surface drainage.

There are a few surface water drains about the town, but with one exception, these are inadequate for heavy storms and should not be used as part of a comprehensive surface drainage system.

Storm and surface water now enters some of the town sewers, but these are too small to be used extensively for this purpose, and if so used they will soon become overloaded and at times of heavy storms, sewage will be forced back into the houses and upon the street surfaces.

Stoneham's lack of adequate drainage facilities is clearly shown by the numerous instances of street, yard and cellar flooding which are reported throughout the town.

Flooding of cellars and the formation of pools of stagnant water, where mosquitoes can breed near inhabited areas, are unquestionably a detriment to good health.

Lack of proper provisions for collecting surface water during heavy storms may result in considerable damage to street surfaces.

Flooding of streets and cellars can be eliminated by providing an adequate surface drainage system.

Municipalities have often been sued and frequently judged liable for damages resulting from lack of proper surface drainage facilities.

Communities do not stand still; they either go forward or drop behind. Stoneham can not successfully compete with neighboring communities for its share of the residential growth of Greater Boston unless its municipal improvements keep pace with its growth. Important among these improvements is adequate surface drainage, which, if provided, would increase the value of much property.

Only part of the drains needed to relieve the areas where flooding has occurred can be built without exceeding the town's debt limit. To exceed the debt limit, special legislative action must be obtained.

Each \$100,000 which the town spends for surface drainage will

increase the tax rate, during the life of debt, by an average amount of about \$0.53 per \$1000 valuation.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

Stoneham should provide adequate surface drainage for the areas where flooding of streets, yards and cellars has occurred.

The General Plan of surface water drainage described in this report should be adopted as the basis for developing a comprehensive system of surface drains.

The new drains should be suitable both for present conditions and for future conditions which will result from the growth and expansion of the town.

The construction of drains should precede the laying of permanent street pavements, if the drains are to be built during the life of the pavements. The planning of street improvements should be carefully co-ordinated with a program of surface drain construction.

The following program or "Sequence of Construction" is suggested in order that the greatest benefit will be obtained from the amount spent and that there will be an equitable distribution of drainage improvements throughout the town. The drains described under Items 1 to 10 inclusive, should be built as soon as funds can be made available.

## SEQUENCE OF CONSTRUCTION

### 1. Sweetwater Brook Drain, East of Main Street

Along course of Sweetwater Brook from Gould Street to Pomeworth Street	\$37,000
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### 2. West Branch Drain

From just south of Franklin Street, northerly across private property and along the Boston & Maine Railroad to Gould Street	19,000
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### 3. Central Street South, Drain

In Church, Central and William Streets from Main Street to Sweetwater Brook	32,500
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### 4. West Branch Drain

From upper end in Main Street, along Main, Hancock and Spencer Streets, and across private property to just south of Franklin Street	21,000
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### 5. Marble Street Drain

Along Webster Place and across private property south of Marble Street to low point in Marble Street near town line	26,500
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### 6. East Branch Drain

From Summer Street across private property between

Pond and Summer Streets to Franklin Street	10,500
<b>7. Pine Street Drain</b>	
In Summer and Pine Streets, and across private property, from angle west of Pine Street, to just south of Franklin Street	21,000
<b>8. Franklin Street and Harrison Street Drains</b>	
In Perkins Street, North Avenue and Harrison Street from branch in Perkins Street, to Franklin Street, and in Franklin Street from Perkins Street to Harrison Street	23,000
<b>9. Wilson Estate Drain</b>	
In Main Street, Phinney's Terrace, private property, Wilson Road, Fairway Road and across private property to improved drainage ditch	16,500
<b>10. East Branch Drain</b>	
Across Gould Meadow from Franklin Street to Gould Street	24,500
<b>11. Elm Street Brook Drain</b>	
In Park Avenue and across private property north of Elm Street, following route of brook to Central Street	24,000
<b>12. Sweetwater Brook Drain, East of Main Street</b>	
Along course of Sweetwater Brook from Pomeworth Street to Main Street	65,000
<b>13. Hersam Brook Drain</b>	
Along route of existing drain from Hersam Street to Sweetwater Brook	13,500
<b>14. West Street Drain</b>	
In West Street and Lindenwood Road to Sweetwater Brook	8,500
<b>15. East Street and Whipple Avenue Drain</b>	
In East Street and Whipple Avenue to steep bank at north end of Whipple Avenue	18,000
<b>16. Montvale Avenue Drain</b>	
In Montvale Avenue from Main Street to Hersam Brook Drain	7,500
<b>17. Lindenwood Road Drain</b>	
In Lindenwood Road from Main Street to Sweetwater Brook	9,000
<b>18. Maple Street Drain</b>	
In Winthrop Street, Park Street, Atwood Avenue, across private property and in Maple Street to Sweetwater Brook	36,500
<b>19. Tremont Street Drain</b>	
In Washington Court, Washington Street, Tremont Street and Waverly Street from Prospect Street to Elm	

Street Brook Drain	19,000
<b>20. Gould Street Drain</b>	
In Green, Spring, Pleasant and Gould Streets, from Bow Street to Sweetwater Brook Drain	22,000
<b>21. Pomeworth Street Drain</b>	
In Myrtle, Washington and Pomeworth Streets, from Green Street to Sweetwater Brook Drain	15,000
<b>22. Hersam Brook Drain</b>	
In Maple Street, Wright Street, Wright Street Court and across private property from Main Street to Hersam Street	14,000

## APPENDIX A

### BASIS OF DESIGN

This section of the report is included for the benefit of those who may wish to study the theoretical considerations involved in designing the proposed surface drainage system

The surface drainage system proposed for Stoneham is designed of ample size to meet the conditions of development which may reasonably be expected 30 years hence, when the population of the town has about doubled. While the sizes recommended for the various drains will not be large enough for the most severe storms, the cost of providing drains larger than those recommended does not appear to be warranted by the present financial condition of the town.

**Rational Method of Design.** The "Rational Method" has been used to determine the rate of surface water run-off which the drains should be able to discharge. In applying this method the following factors have been taken into account:

1. The rate of rainfall, hereafter called the "Rainfall Intensity."

2. The extent of the area tributary to the section of drain under consideration.

3. The time required for rainfall to flow from the most remote part of the tributary area to the upper end of the section of drain under consideration, hereafter called the "Rainfall Concentration Period."

4. The proportion of the total tributary area which is covered by impervious surfaces, hereafter called the "Coefficient of Imperviousness."

5. The proportion of the total rainfall which will find its way into the drains, hereafter called the "Coefficient of Run-off."

The rate of surface water run-off has been determined from



these several factors by combining them as indicated in the following equation:

$Q$  equals  $C \times A \times I$ ; in which

$Q$  represents the total run-off in cubic feet per second and is the quantity for which the section of drain should be designed.

$C$  represents the average coefficient of run-off for the total tributary area.

$A$  represents the total tributary area expressed in acres.

$I$  represents the "Rainfall Intensity" corresponding to the "Rainfall Concentration Period," expressed in inches per hour; or approximately the total rainfall expressed in cubic feet per second per acre.

**"Coefficient of Run-off."** Allowance has been made for the fact that surface water run-off depends upon the proportion of impervious surfaces within the drainage area, upon the surface slope and regularity of the area, and upon the duration of rainfall, keeping in mind that the percentage of run-off for a given area becomes greater as the rainfall continues. The "Coefficient of Run-off" for pervious surfaces has been assumed to increase from .05 for a rainfall lasting 5 minutes to .35 for a rainfall lasting 140 minutes, and for impervious surfaces to increase from .50 for a rainfall lasting 5 minutes to .95 for a rainfall lasting 55 minutes or longer.

The duration of the rainfall will vary from a maximum for the drainage section nearest the outlet to a minimum for the uppermost section of drain.

**"Coefficient of Imperviousness."** The "Coefficient of Imperviousness" has been used as the ratio of the equivalent impervious area to the total area, expressed as a decimal. The adopted coefficients represent a forecast of the extent that the areas tributary to a given drain will be improved with streets, sidewalks, buildings etc. The "Coefficient of Imperviousness" is one of the most important factors affecting the "Coefficient of Run-off" for an area composed of both pervious and impervious surfaces. Although every surface is actually somewhat impervious, in the present case all surfaces have been divided between two groups; (1) pavements (on streets, gutters, driveways and yards) and the roofs of buildings have been regarded as impervious to a greater or less degree; (2) the natural soil and other surfaces, except those included under (1) have been classed as pervious. The extent of impervious and pervious surfaces has been measured on the General Plan accompanying this report, and definite "Coefficients of

Imperviousness" have been adopted for the various parts of the town.

**Areas Tributary to Drains.** The extent of the areas tributary to the proposed drains are shown by broken lines on the General Plan, and are designated by numbers. The area tributary to a given section of drain has been taken as the entire area tributary to the lower end of the section under consideration; this makes due allowance for any drainage which, between the upper and lower ends of a section of drain, may enter from catch basins, roofs, etc.

**"Rainfall Intensity."** As no detailed rainfall records are available for Stoneham, the records of the Weather Bureau at Boston and those of the Metropolitan Water Works at Chestnut Hill Reservoir have been used for the present design. Records at both these places cover a long period of years and although the intensity of rainfall during a given storm will vary considerably between places only a few miles distant, the rainfall records for two nearby places, if averaged over a long period of years, will give about the same intensities for storms of a given frequency. For this reason, the Weather Bureau and the Chestnut Hill records may well be used for Stoneham.

The drains have been designed for storms which may be expected to occur about once in five years. But until the town has been developed with streets, sidewalks and buildings to the extent represented by the "Coefficient of Imperviousness" the full capacity of the drains will be needed much less frequently. In adopting rainfall intensities allowance has been made for the fact that intensities vary considerably with the duration of the rainfall and that a much greater intensity is to be expected for a rainfall lasting but a few minutes than for a rainfall lasting an hour or more.

**"Rainfall Concentration Period."** This time interval is made up of two parts, (1) the inlet time or the greatest time required for storm water to flow over the ground surface and into the drain at the nearest point of entrance, and (2) the time required for the same particle of water to travel in the drain from the point where it enters to the upper end of the section of drain being designed. The maximum time interval obtained by adding together these two corresponding time intervals is taken as the rainfall concentration period or duration of rainfall for which the particular section of drain should be designed. It is assumed that for a given rainfall concentration period the rainfall intensity is the same over the whole tributary area.

**Capacity of Drains.** Approximate sizes and slopes of the more important drains have been indicated on the General Plan. In

determining these sizes it has been assumed that vitrified pipe will be used for drains 24 inches or less in diameter and that for larger sizes concrete will be used. The sizes have been determined from diagrams based on Kutter's formula; the coefficient of friction adopted for vitrified pipe was  $N$  equals .015 and for concrete,  $N$  equals .013.

**Velocities.** The velocity of flow in the drains has been carefully considered; too small a velocity will fail to keep the drains clean while too great a velocity will cause them to wear out. In the present designs minimum velocities have been adopted which will be self-cleansing when the drains are flowing either full or half full. Until the system is sufficiently completed to assure a material flow during ordinary storms there may be some tendency for the deposit of heavy material in the drains. As the system is developed however, there will be less and less of a tendency for such deposits.

**Appurtenant Structures.** Manholes should be provided for inspection and cleaning. They should be built at every change of direction, either horizontal or vertical, at every junction between drains and at every change of size.

Catch basins should be provided at all street intersections, at low points in the streets and at such intermediate points that no storm water will flow along street surfaces for distances much greater than 400 feet.

Respectfully submitted,

Fay, Spofford and Thorndike

Consulting Engineers

It will be seen that the engineering firm has afforded the town a comprehensive report, which is well worth careful perusal. Your committee submits its report, without recommendation, other than to say that it is our opinion that surface drainage is a present necessity and affords one of the most vital problems which the town is now called on to face. Whenever a beginning is made in the work of constructing a surface drainage system, whether now, or in a subsequent year, it will be necessary for the town to extend the expense involved over a period of years by bond issue.

Respectfully submitted,

George A. Packard, Chairman.

George A. Hinchcliffe, Secretary.

James A. Munro,

Leander V. Colahan,

Joseph H. Kerrigan, M. D.

Lawrence E. Doucett, . .

Committee on Surface Drainage.





STONEHAM SCHOOLS ARE GOOD SCHOOLS



ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
OF THE  
TOWN OF STONEHAM  
1925

A DEMOCRACY OPERATES FREE PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND PASSES COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE LAWS, NOT THROUGH A SENSE OF CHARITY BUT BECAUSE IT REALIZES THAT EDUCATION IS THE ONLY MEANS IT HAS OF PERPETUATING ITSELF AND PROMOTING ITS OWN INTERESTS.



### SCHOOL COMMITTEE

C. Frank Munger, Chairman, 114 Central St., Telephone 0343-W.  
Term expires 1926

James Alfred Patch, 47 Lindenwood Rd., Telephone 0403-J  
Term expires 1927

Horace E. Bellows, 65 Hancock St., Telephone 0338-WK  
Term expires 1928

Regular meetings are held at the High School at 8 P. M.,  
on the second Monday of each month.

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### SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Frederick W. Porter, 51 Lindenwood Rd., Telephone 0764.  
Office at High School, Telephone—0646.

The superintendent may be seen by appointment at your  
convenience.

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### CLERK

Lillian Chase, 17 Congress St., Telephone 0836-W

#### Office Hours:

School Days—8-12; 1.15-5.

Saturdays—9-12.

School Vacations—9-12; 1.15-4.

Office Closed July 17 to August 16, 1926.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

- 1926 Winter Term, January 4 to February 26.  
Spring Term, March 8 to April 30.  
Summer Term, May 10 to June 25  
H. S. Graduation June 18.  
Fall Term, September 8 to December 23.  
Schools closed February 22, April 19, May 31, June 17,  
October 12, November 24, 25, 26.
- 1927 Winter Term, January 3 to February 18.  
Spring Term, February 28 to April 22.  
Summer Term, May 2 to June 24.  
H. S. Graduation, June 17.  
Fall Term, September 7 to December 23.  
Schools closed April 19, May 30, June 17, October 12  
November 23, 24, 25.

The state law requires the High School to be open 180 days. The closing date must be made later than stated above if days are lost during the year for inclement weather or other causes so as to bring the total number of days at the closing date less than 180.

## HOURS OF SCHOOL

### Elementary Schools

Grade 1. 8.30-11.15; 1.15-2.45.

Grades 2-3 8.30-11.30; 1.15-3.15.

Grades 4-5-6 8.30-11.30; 1.15-3.45. Teachers may dismiss at 3.15.

### Junior High School

Grades 7-8-9 8.10-11.30; 1.30-3.00.

### Senior High School

Grades 10-11-12-13 8.10-1.25. 3-4 if required by teacher.

## NO SCHOOL SIGNAL

22 on fire alarm.

No morning session. All grades, 7.15 a. m.

Grades I to IV inclusive, 7.45 a. m.

Grades I to IX inclusive, 7.30 a. m.

No afternoon session. Grades I to IV inclusive, 12 noon.

Grades I to IX inclusive, 12.15 p. m.

These are the only official signals. Other signals printed on cards and in newspapers should be disregarded as most of them are incorrect.



## Report of the School Committee

At a meeting of the School Committee January 18, 1926 it was voted to approve the report of the Superintendent of Schools and to submit it to the town as the report of the School Committee.

C. FRANK MUNGER, Chairman.  
HORACE E. BELLOWS, Pur. Agent  
JAMES ALFRED PATCH, Secretary

### REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Town School Committee of Stoneham, Massachusetts:  
Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my fifth annual report as superintendent of schools for the town of Stoneham. It is the thirty-fifth in the series of such reports.

The following states briefly some of the major accomplishments of 1925 and some outstanding needs of the Stoneham school system. In addition, I have selected, to explain in detail, one phase of our educational work and one phase of our business administration with the hope that these samplings will indicate to the citizens the entire general character of the educational and business administration of the Stoneham public schools.

Your attention is also directed to the reports of the high school principal, the supervisors and to the statistics following these reports.

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 1925

1. A new, efficient, and absolutely modern course of study in reading has been evolved by the teachers and superintendent and is now in use throughout the town's elementary schools. This is explained in detail later in this report.

2. All schools have been adequately and completely equipped with necessary textbooks and a great deal of the required supplementary and school library material has been secured.

3. The single salary schedule has been through its first complete year and is extremely satisfactory. Only one high school teacher and no elementary school teachers left us last June, voluntarily, to take better positions.

4. The addition of more men teachers at the High School has

caused a great improvement in the discipline and spirit of the school.

5. A very large proportion of our teachers have taken courses designed to advance them professionally during the past year. A record of these courses may be found with the statistics at the back of this report.

6. Sub-primary instruction has been added to the school system. This is of great value in helping pupils to find themselves early and study of these pupils' individual abilities enables those capable to advance more rapidly and keeps the others at tasks commensurate with their abilities, interests and capabilities. with the result that there is no failure but each child has the joy of success in mastery over his environmental difficulties, which conduces to true education. The report of the supervisor of standards and guidance which follows goes in to this matter in greater detail and scope.

7. For the first time in the high school's history all athletics for both boys and girls are under the direct supervision of trained faculty coaches who are regular teachers in the school and have no connection with the Physical Education department or its instructors. Mr. Campbell coaches Cross Country, Hockey and Track; Mr. Eaton coaches Football, Basketball and Baseball; Miss Deal coaches Girls' Field Hockey and Girls' Basketball.

8. The somewhat inadequate supervision in music and writing necessary in having a person who would attempt both types of work as a full time teacher and being none too expert in either has been done away with and an expert supervisor of music engaged for three days a week with an expert supervisor of writing for three days a month. The immediate and marked improvement in both these subjects is both obvious and gratifying.

9. With the addition of an ice hockey rink on the high school grounds through the kindness of the Rotary Club there is at last available on property owned by the town an opportunity for all the High School teams to practice and play games with the assurance at all times of a proper place handy to proper bathing and dressing facilities.

10. Perfecting of the supply room system rounds out a businesslike method of expending the town's money, ordering, receiving, checking material and getting it to the place for which it was purchased. This is explained in detail later in this report.

## NEEDS OF THE SCHOOLS

1. More room in the High and Junior High Schools. Both buildings are now crowded to capacity, every room being in use

every period. The town had a population of 7,873 in 1920 and now has 9,084. All rooms in the elementary schools are in use except the top floor at the Dean School which many consider unfit for school purposes. Something **must** be done soon.'

2. More men are needed on the High School faculty. Half the faculty should be men.

3. More playground facilities for both younger and older children are necessary in all parts of the town.

4. Improved sanitary arrangements, well lighted, ventilated and above ground level are desirable in all wooden buildings.

5. Slate blackboards should be installed in all wooden schools.

6. The interiors of the Center, Dean and High Schools should be redecorated.

7. The exteriors of the East, South, Center and Dean Schools should be painted.

8. New fences are needed at all schools.

9. Adequate electric lights should be installed at the Dean School.

10. The old High School should be heated by steam from the new boiler room. By this change about \$850. a year would be saved in the difference in price between soft and the hard coal now used and the work of the janitor who now runs nine fires would be cut by only requiring him to run two boilers side by side. This change would pay for itself in less than ten years.

11. Improvement in the natural lighting at the Center School is desirable. The dream of replacement of the dirty, dilapidated, antiquated, obsolete, expensive to maintain, and dangerous Dean and Center Schools with a fine, handsome and serviceable brick building combining a hall handy to the square and possibly the quarters of the veterans organizations is certainly alluring to one who has in his heart civic pride in the town of Stoneham.

## THE READING CURRICULUM

One of the outstanding problems facing American education today is the revision of the curriculum to meet modern needs in the light of the latest scientific knowledge.

It is also generally believed that curriculum revision is not a job for the school administrators only, but for all connected with the schools, especially the teachers.

It was with the two above mentioned generally accepted ideas in mind that the teachers, supervisors, and superintendent, in the spring and fall of 1925, worked out the following course of study in reading for the Stoneham schools. This is the work of no one person but a result of the combined study, reading, experimenting,

experience, and thinking of every teacher in the school system working in committees which met frequently about a table to discuss, thrash out, and come to an agreement on the points making up the curriculum.

## THE CURRICULUM

### Grade 1

Objectives	Accomplishments to be attained at end of year with the average child
1. Comprehension	1. (a) Ability to grasp meanings of groups of words learned in 1st. grade (b) Ability to follow simple directions (c) Ability to answer questions (d) Tendency to ask questions about unknown words
2. Speed and Eye Movements	2. (a) Three eye movements to average line in 1st reader (5 words) (b) Ability to read a two-word flash card in one second (c) Ability to read a three-word flash card in two seconds (d) 50 words a minute oral reading of new material, 1st grade difficulty (e) No lip movements or pointing (f) No regressive eye movements
3. Vocabulary Building	3. (a) A 500-word vocabulary (oral reading with understanding)
4. Retention	4. (a) Ability to memorize and reproduce simple selections
5. Appreciation	5. (a) A Love for reading
6. Oral Expression	6. (a) Drop voice at end of sentence (b) Ability to express a simple sentence with proper feeling and interpretation.
7. Independent Word Recognition	7. (a) Ability to recognize words ordinarily found in 1st reader

### Grade II

Objectives	Accomplishments to be attained at end of year with the average child
1. Comprehension	1. (a) Ability to grasp thought and to retell accurately the general idea of a story of average 2nd grade difficulty from 2nd reader new to pupils



- (b) Ability to answer written questions of words of ordinary 2nd grade difficulty
  - (c) Ability to follow written directions in words of ordinary 2nd grade difficulty
  - (d) Ability to dramatize action of stories of ordinary 2nd grade ability
- 2. Speed and Eye
  - 2. (a) Ability to read with understanding 80 words a minute orally of average 2nd grade difficulty
  - (b) Ability to read ordinary 2nd grade prose at average of three eye movements per line (9 words)
  - (c) No regressive eye movements
  - (d) No lip movements or pointing
  - (e) Ability to read a 3-word flash card in 1 second
- 3. Vocabulary Building
  - 3. (a) Silent reading vocabulary of 1200 words with understanding
- 4. Appreciation
  - 4. (a) Love of reading
  - (b) Joy in rhythm of poetry
  - (c) Ability to feel the fitness of words to express a given situation
  - (d) Ability to understand the emotional reaction of characters in 2nd grade stories and to dramatize accordingly
- 5. Retention
  - 5. (a) Ability to remember facts gained through reading which will be of value in everyday life
  - (b) Ability to memorize a poem from 2nd grade list with accuracy
- 6. Oral Expression
  - 6. (a) Ability to express the thought of ordinary 2nd reader with correct inflection and feeling
- 7. Independent Word Recognition
  - 7. (a) Ability to pronounce any word of 2nd grade difficulty

### Grade III

Objectives	Accomplishments to be attained at end of year with the average child
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| 1. Comprehension                | 1. (a) Ability to get the thought conveyed in a selection of ordinary 3rd grade difficulty<br>(b) Ability to reproduce the story of an ordinary 3rd grade selection<br>(c) Ability to find answers to specific questions<br>(d) Ability to follow written or printed directions accurately<br>(e) Ability to get median mark on 3rd grade silent reading comprehension test |
| 2. Speed and Eye Movements      | 2. (a) Ability to read 120 words per minute silently from ordinary 3rd grade material<br>(b) Ability to read a 3-word flash card in one half second.<br>(c) Not more than 3 eye movements per line of ordinary 3rd grade difficulty   |
| 3. Appreciation                 | 3. (a) Ability to appreciate descriptive words and phrases<br>(b) Eagerness to read books<br>(c) Appreciation of the actions and motives of characters in stories read and to dramatize accordingly   |
| 4. Expression                   | 4. (a) Ability to express with proper interpretation, the thought of a selection of ordinary 3rd grade difficulty   |
| 5. Retention                    | 5. (a) Ability to remember important facts gotten through reading<br>(b) Ability to learn poems with accuracy<br>(c) Ability to remember parts for dramatization  |
| 6. Independent Word Recognition | 6. (a) Ability to independently pronounce words in third reader never seen before   |
| 7. Vocabulary Building          | 7. (a) Ability to recognize the meaning of words in the ordinary 3rd reader   |

#### Grade 1V

#### Objectives

Accomplishments to be attained at end of year with the average child

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| 1. Comprehension           | 1. (a) Ability to find correct answers to questions in words of 4th grade difficulty<br>(b) Ability to follow directions accurately<br>(c) Ability to frame thought questions based on material read<br>(d) Ability to summarize salient points of selection read |
| 2. Speed and Eye Movements | 2. (a) Ability to read with understanding, 150 words per minute silently<br>(b) Ability to read 4-word flash card in one half second<br>(c) Not more than 3 eye movements per line  |
| 3. Vocabulary Building     | 3. (a) Ability to recognize the meaning of words which ordinary 4th grade readers contain<br>(b) Ability to find meanings of words in dictionary  |
| 4. Appreciation            | 4. (a) Ability to recognize the beauty of the expression and thought of a selection read<br>(b) Ability to recognize the strength or weakness of the characters read about<br>(c) Desire to read books  |
| 5. Organization            | 5. (a) Ability to make topical outline of material read with one series of not over 3 sub-topics<br>(b) Ability to memorize efficiently under the guidance of the teacher   |
| 6. Expression              | 6. (a) Ability to phrase properly<br>(b) Ability to hold attention of listeners<br>(c) Ability to give proper interpretation to a selection   |

#### Grade V

- | Objectives       | Accomplishments to be attained at end of year with the average child   |
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| 1. Comprehension | 1. (a) To be able to follow written direction accurately<br>(b) To be able to obtain information needed in solving a problem |

- (c) To get true understanding of main idea of a selection read
- 2. Appreciation
  - 2. (a) Desire to read books
  - (b) Inclination to select reading of the better sort
  - (c) Ability to sense the different characteristics of the personalities in selections read
  - (d) Sense of humor
  - (e) Ability to sense the better and finer ways of expression used by good authors
  - (f) Ability to comprehend the beauty of the word pictures in material read
- 3. Rate and Eye Movements
  - 3. (a) Ability to read with understanding, 180 words per minute silently from ordinary 5th reader
  - (b) Ability to read 5-word flash card in one half second
  - (c) Not more than 3 eye movements per line
  - (d) Ability to scan
- 4. Organization
  - 4. (a) Ability to make topical outline of material read with one series of sub-topics
  - (b) Ability to differentiate between true and false
  - (c) Ability to weigh values, exercise judgment, discard irrelevant material and arrive at a conclusion reasonably correct
  - (d) Ability to find words and their meanings in dictionary and numbers in telephone book
- 5. Expression
  - 5. (a) Ability to read so as to hold the interest of hearers, convey the emotions intended to be conveyed by the author, use effective inflection and give proper interpretation in selection suited to 5th grade children
- 6. Vocabulary Building
  - 6. (a) Use of dictionary to explain new words
  - (b) Ability to recognize and understand all words ordinarily found in a 5th reader



## Grade VI

Objectives	Accomplishments to be attained at end of year with the average child
1. Comprehension	1. (a) Ability to apply knowledge obtained to the solution of related problems (b) Ability to choose between true and false statements (c) Ability to give precise and accurate answers to questions from material read (d) Ability to comprehend fully a selection of 6th grade difficulty
2. Organization	2. (a) Ability to independently make a topical outline with major and sub-topics and recite from it (b) Ability to divide a selection into its main parts (c) Ability to arrange items from a selection in logical sequence (c) Ability to pick out a key sentence (e) Ability to tabulate related facts in selections read (f) Ability to memorize efficiently
3. Appreciation	3. (a) A love of dramatizing (b) Ability to sense the humor or dramatic setting in a situation (c) Ability to appreciate well chosen expression (d) Desire to read a higher type of literature (e) Ability to form a reasonably correct estimate of personalities thru the characteristics expressed in selections read
4. Speed and Eye Movements	4. (a) Ability to read silently with understanding, 220 words per minute (b) Ability to read a 5-word flash card one half second (c) Ability to read ordinary 6th grade material with 3 eye movements per line
5. Vocabulary Building	5. (a) Ability to use dictionary to explain meaning and pronunciation of new words

- (b) Ability to understand and recognize all words ordinarily found in a 6th reader
- 6. Expression
  - 6. (a) Correct posture
  - (b) Ability to read with good enunciation
  - (c) Ability to read so as to hold attention of hearers
  - (d) Ability to read with proper inflection and interpretation

**METHODS OF TEACHING**—under all the above headings and grades may be found in the 24th Yearbook, Part 1, of the National Society for the Study of Education, Report of the National Committee on Reading and Saint Cloud Course of Study in Reading, copies of both of which are in each elementary school building.

In addition to these an extended list of books on the subject are in the Superintendent's office and may be secured there.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE PRACTICE IN EXPENDITURES

The following practice in procuring and distributing books, supplies and services has been worked out after careful study of the handling of such affairs in other school systems and in general business as well as having been tested and improved by five years of observation of the needs of the local situation in Stoneham. From a study of this it can be seen with what great care the interests of the taxpayers are safeguarded in the disbursing of the town's monies.

##### General Practice in Procuring and Distributing Books and Supplies or Services

1. Order is issued in triplicate by Superintendent's office, signed by Superintendent.
2. One Copy (yellow) is kept in the Superintendent's file in the safe and two copies (white and red) are sent to the school committee Purchasing Agent.
3. The school committee Purchasing Agent countersigns the white order and sends it to the company who is to furnish the goods or services.
4. The Purchasing Agent keeps the red copy of the order in his file.
5. The orders number serially from 1 up beginning in a new series January 1st of each year.
6. A card record of each order is also kept at the Superintendent's office. This card shows order number, date of order, company from whom materials are ordered, teacher to whom

goods are going, which item in financial records is charged for the goods, and who ordered or requested the goods.

7. When the goods arrive they go immediately to supply room.
8. When bill arrives the office record card is marked "B" and the bill is sent to the supply room.
9. The supply clerk opens all packages **only** after bill is received and checks contents with bill.
10. He O. K's bill or notes shortage or damage and sends bill to Superintendent.
11. He shellacs all books for grades 1-6 inclusive.
12. He stamps all books received. (Single copies of books for which no bills are received are probably publisher's samples and are to be sent to the Supt. without stamping).
13. When books are ready to go out, supply clerk consults order card and sends books to the proper teacher (Grade books assigned to school libraries go one copy to each room in grade).
14. Most supplies are purchased early in January from lowest bidder on lists submitted to bidders December 15th.
15. Supplies are sent out from the supply room only upon duplicate requisitions countersigned by the Superintendent.
16. One copy of each teacher's supply requisition is kept on file by the supply room clerk.
17. The Superintendent approves the bills if correct and presents them to School Committee for their approval.
18. When approved by School Committee, bills are entered in ledger and daybook and sent with warrant to Town Accountant for payment. At this time, date of payment is entered on order record card.

### CONCLUSION

I cannot close this report without paying tribute to the devoted and loyal service of Miss Cross, our Art Supervisor, who passed away in December. Always the last teacher to leave in the spring and the first to return in the fall, never complaining, always happy and ready to do more than her share, her presence with us was an inspiration and is now a happy memory. With her death, the people of Stoneham have lost a good friend and a faithful public servant.

To parents may I again say that, in matters of teaching character building habits, the school will, as it always has, do its share but the burden is on you parents who control the lives of the children 19 hours of the 24. If you will do your share and give the school officials loyal backing you need not fear for the

ultimate success of your children in their civic and social as well as business careers.

I commend and thank the school committee members, principals, supervisors, teachers, pupils, parents and citizens for their whole-hearted and intelligent co-operation during 1925 and bespeak this same spirit in 1926 to the end that our schools may be even better than in the past year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Frederick W. Porter.

## HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. Frederick W. Porter, Supt. of Schools

Dear Sir:

I take pleasure in reporting another year of creditable work by both the Junior and Senior High Schools. In each we have a strong corps of teachers and in each there is a commendable spirit of industry and aspiration on the part of the pupils. We still are considerably cramped for schoolroom space, but through considerate co-operation, manage to get along tolerably well. The increased percentage of men teachers has been of great advantage, and may well be carried still further.

The aim of the school, as ever, has been to develop individual powers and at the same time to create a sense of social obligation and responsibility. In this I think the school has been fairly successful. The standing of any community may be gauged pretty accurately by the quality of its schools. The High School organized in 1856 has had a large part in determining what the town is today—a good town to live in.

At your request, I am happy to record some of the incidents, some of the steps in educational advancement that have taken place in the Senior High School during the thirty years I have had the pleasure and the honor of being its principal.

The personnel of the school in 1895 consisted of the principal, three regular assistant teachers, three special teachers and sixty-eight pupils—26 boys and 42 girls. By 1900 the school had outgrown its accommodations. At the annual town meeting in March, therefore, the town voted to raise the sum of \$50,000 for a new High School building and its necessary equipment. The building was erected within the appropriation and was ready for occupancy at the beginning of the fall term in 1901.

The new school opened with 191 pupils, 72 being in the ninth grade, which at that time was not strictly a part of the High School. The alumni at this time expended between three



and four hundred dollars for pictures to adorn the walls of the new building.

In 1902 the graduation exercises were held in June, instead of in March, as had been customary.

In 1903 the Middlesex Baseball League was formed, of which Stoneham is still a member, and four times champion.

In 1904 sewing was made an optional course in the High School.

In 1905 manual training was introduced in the ninth and tenth grades.

In 1906 the alumni Loan Fund was established. This has been of great benefit to many high school graduates.

In 1908 a fire alarm system was installed, and a school physician for the first time regularly employed. The ninth grade was made a part of the High School and so remained until 1924.

In 1909 sanitary drinking fountains replaced the unsanitary ones, and a school savings bank was established.

In 1910 typewriting and stenography were added to the Business Course and a competent head of the department secured.

In 1911 the Stoneham High School employed its first male assistant teacher, Mr. Edmund W. Ogden, head of the English department. The Teacher's Club, an active and helpful organization, was formed in this year.

In 1913 the custom of Friday night socials, chaperoned by High School teachers, had its beginning.

In 1914 the school age was raised to sixteen years.

In 1918 the school suffered a drop of 25 per cent in its enrollment, due to war conditions.

On June 16, 1920, a "party" was held in Armory Hall, in recognition of Mr. Emerson's twenty-five years of service. Approximately four hundred of his graduates assembled and presented him a beautiful "Loving Cup" containing five hundred dollars in gold. It was a gracious occasion to be always remembered and cherished.

In 1921 a school nurse was engaged for full time.

In 1922 cooking was introduced and has proved to be popular with both boys and girls.

By 1923 the enrollment of the High School had reached and passed the maximum capacity of the building completed in 1901. To meet the situation, the town voted an addition to contain eight classrooms for a Junior High School, a gymnasium, and adequate quarters for cooking, sewing and drawing. This addition was put to full capacity use in the fall of 1924.

By steps thus briefly told, the High School has arrived at its

present assured position. It has 1,339 graduates, 1,044 of whom have graduated since 1895. Of these latter, more than one-fifth have gone to college. It is a charter member of the New England College Entrance Certificate List; it is on the preferential list for admission to the Massachusetts State Normal Schools; and is listed by the National Bureau of Education among the grade "A" schools of the United States.

Stoneham has always been generous in the support of her public schools and her schools have made a grand return in capable, intelligent, zealous and loyal citizenship.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles J. Emerson, Principal.

## STANDARDS AND GUIDANCE

Mr. Frederick W. Porter, Supt. of Schools  
Stoneham, Mass.

Dear Sir:

The following report of the Department of Standards and Guidance is respectfully submitted:

The program of testing with standardized tests begins with the opening of school in September in the sub-primary room, where the Detroit Kindergarden Test is administered. The experiences of these children have been so varied that though their chronological years are nearly the same the results of the testing range from zero to twenty-nine which shows there is a far greater difference in mental age than in chronological.

Those pupils whose scores occur in the highest range are considered as possible candidates for entrance into Grade I. A careful investigation, however, is effected before this move is made. The child is studied carefully by the teacher in respect to his health, motor-control, response to direction and initiative and if these are possessed in such a degree as to serve the child in making Grade I contacts, the parents are interviewed. With their consent the child then takes the Detroit Grade I Test and his possible reading ability is passed on by a Grade I teacher. The children reacting well to this program are placed at once in Grade I.

The pupils in sub-primary who scored lowest, in most cases react slowly to whatever instruction is given and for their healthy development should remain two years in the room.

Grade I is given the Detroit Grade I Test in September. The resulting scores of this test place the children in slow-moving, average or fast-moving groups. The slow-moving group, with

some exceptions, will need two years in which to develop to the point of doing Grade II work to advantage. The average group will do the work comfortably in one year. There remains the fast-moving group, which formerly were considered candidates for rapid promotion. Many leading educators today consider it far more consistent with safe mental growth to provide the child with fuller experiences in the same grade thus safe-guarding the child's need of being with those of his own size, strength and interests.

This program as outlined for Grade I with use of test and a constant watchfulness on the part of the teacher pertains to the remaining grades of elementary schools.

The tests are given to all entrants to our schools before placement.

The list which follows in this report shows what tests are used, the grades receiving them and the time when given. They have been selected from scores of tests on the basis of scientific standardization and the norms resulting from it become the measuring stick for determining the pupil's proper place in school.

In cases where the child seems mal-adjusted, his difficulties are considered and he may be given other tests and a replacement made, in which case, his reaction to his new surroundings in work and behavior are carefully checked up.

The list of tests follows:

Grade	Name	Time
S. P.	Detroit Kindergarten	
	Intelligence Test (Individual)	September
I	Detroit 1st Gr. Intelligence Test	
	Form A. (Small group)	October
II	Haggerty Intelligence Test	
	Delta I (Group)	October
III-VI	National Intelligence Test	
	Four forms used in rotation,	
	one a year (Group)	October
III-VI	Monroe Silent Reading Test	October
III-VI	Woody-McCall Fundamentals in	
	Arithmetic (Group) Alternating	
	two forms, one a year	February
III-VI	Monroe Scale in Spelling (Group)	May
II-VI	Monroe Silent Reading Test	
	Varying form used in Oct. (Group)	May

The class-room teacher is participating more and more in the giving of tests and is relying to a larger extent on using

the results of testing, not for determining absolutely the remedy the child is in need of, but as one aid in the diagnosis she is constantly making.

When, through testing and the child's experience in school it is found that he is not profiting by taking the work in Grades I-VI, that child may be placed in one of the two Opportunity Rooms. Here in Room Y for the younger children from Grades I, II and III and in Room X for those from IV, V and VI, their special needs are cared for. Those needs demand much purposeful activity, and immediate accomplishment of aims. These are provided in much handwork, wood-work, cooking and sewing. And through these, frequently the academic work becomes more interesting so that in many cases the pupil is able to resume grade work.

The help afforded such pupils should be extended to a greater number which would necessitate the forming of a third Opportunity Room. The three rooms might profitably be Room Y for younger boys and girls, Room X for older girls and an added room for older boys.

Much appreciation is felt by the department for the assistance given by teachers, supervisors, superintendent and school board.

Alice H. Smith,  
Supervisor of Standards and Guidance.

## GIRLS AND PRIMARY SCHOOL PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Mr. Frederick W. Porter, Supt. of Schools  
Stoneham, Mass.

Dear Sir:

As Director of Physical Education for Girls in the Stoneham Schools I submit the following report:

### Grade Work

The work in the first four grades is done in the schoolroom. In the first and second grade rhythmic work is stressed. This is so the child may coordinate bodily movements to different types of music. Nursery rhymes and games are also played. In grades three and four the rhythmic work is continued and simple folk dances are introduced. It is in these grades that setting-up exercises are started. The Director teaches in every room in the first four grades once in every two weeks. In addition to this, the room teachers conduct the work for fifteen minutes each day. The girls in the fifth and sixth grades come to the gymnasium



for one hour a week for folk dancing. The other days setting-up exercises and games are taught by the room teachers.

### Junior and Senior High Work

The kinds of exercise used are floor work, apparatus, folk and aesthetic dancing, and games. The aims of this work are to develop muscles and increase endurance and organic vigor, to acquire correct posture, poise, control and skill; to develop such mental traits as self-control, quick and accurate response to commands, cooperation and leadership. Special attention is given to adapt the exercise to meet the need of the individual girl.

### Aims

1. Outdoor Work—The greatest need in the Physical Education Department for girls is an outdoor playground. It would be ideal to conduct the work during the fall and spring out of doors and use the recreational type of exercise. Classes could be divided into small groups and each girl would have an opportunity to participate in the games best suited to her ability and strength. By this method girls would receive instruction in recreational activities that they could use outside of schools and that would carry over into adult life.

2. Individual Posture and Corrective Work—The importance of good posture and correct use of the body cannot be too strongly emphasized. The correct position of the body and the way in which it is used have a very definite influence upon the health of an individual. There is need for more followup work after physical examinations. Many girls need individual work. Special attention should be given to the girls showing deviations from a properly adjusted body. Girls with some heart difficulty are now excused from Physical Education. They should be given well graded and light exercise always working under special supervision. This however can only be done by having another teacher in the department.

The director feels that in view of the fact that there is only one teacher in the department great progress has been made. This is due in a large measure to the cooperation and interest on the part of the grade teachers.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion E. Riley.

### BOYS PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Mr. Frederick W. Porter, Superintendent of Schools,  
Stoneham, Mass.

Dear Mr. Porter:

The degree of success which a boy obtains in his adolescence

is determined by two things—Character and Knowledge—what he is at this period plus what he knows equals his destiny. Character is a product—it is the result of five ever-present influences—hereditary conditions, environment, health, will-power, and habit. Two of these factors, will-power and habit, are personal factors. They belong to and are wholly controlled by him. To succeed as he should, he must strengthen his character by making these factors work for him. And it is up to the boy to assume the part and act the part of the man he wants to become, until it becomes a habit, and he can if he will.

Physical education is a new branch of study in the school curriculum and it is considered one of the finest works to bring out the best in the boy and teach him the fundamental laws of life which are as follows:

1. Correct skeletal condition, or poise of the body.
2. Proper circulation of blood.
3. Proper functional elimination of waste from the system.
4. Proper balance of the excretions and secretions of his body, which I term "the proper lubrication of his system."
5. Proper nerve tone and co-ordination of his nerves and muscles.
6. Proper mental attitude which is vital in every and all walks of life but cannot be maintained without a proper balance of physical health.

#### Plans for the Future

To organize a Gymnasium team that will be wholly controlled by the Athletic Association.

The development of leaders to work in the graded schools.

To have a public demonstration of the work in this department, at least once a year.

Respectfully submitted,

Geo. R. Pike,

Director of Physical Education for Boys.

#### SEWING

Mr. Frederick Porter, Superintendent of Schools,  
Stoneham, Mass.

Dear Sir:

I am happy to report a successful year for our third years work in Sewing. Evidence of our accomplishments were shown in the exhibit in November.

The work carried on follows practically that of the two preceding years.

This year in the sixth grade work we introduced articles re-

quiring a small amount of time in construction, for begining projects, in the form of a needle book and a holder. Girls in the lower grades are very enthusicastic about embroidery. Our Christmas work in the form of dolls, buffet sets, scarfs, towels, laundry bags, and various other forms of embroidery was very successful and well liked.

It is the aim of the Sewing Department to have every girl able to make her own aprons, underclothing, and simple dresses, after completing sixth and seventh grade work.

In the upper classes more difficult dressmaking is accomplished and simple types of tailoring and millinery.

In closing I wish to thank the Superintendent, School Board, and all who have co-operated to make the year's work a success.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy W. Marshall,

Supervisor of Sewing.

## ATHLETICS

Mr. Frederick W. Porter, Superintendent of Schools,  
Stoneham, Mass.

Dear Sir:

I am happy at this time to submit the third annual report of the Department of Athletics of Stoneham High School. This report to cover a whole year of Athletic activities must be taken from two sources. Thus the figures submitted for Hockey, Basket ball and Baseball are taken from totals given by Mr. Morrill, the Director of last year, while the last Football, Cross Country and Field Hockey seasons are covered by the personal figures of the present Director.

A condensed financial statement of the Athletic Association for the period from January 1, 1925 to January 1, 1926 follows:

	Receipts	Expenditures	Gain or Loss
<b>Hockey</b>			
Arena Games	\$105.40		
Sale of Tags	\$181.73	\$287.13	\$331.18
Basketball		153.98	189.00
Baseball		227.66	270.92
Football		795.03	708.36
Cross Country		2.50	14.20
Field Hockey		61.99	55.78
			6.21-Gain

From the above figures several very interesting facts may be deducted. Hockey receipts amounted to \$287.13 against an expenditure of \$331.18, leaving a deficit for that sport of only

\$44.05. One may note that the receipts from the Arena games alone were \$105.40. If we had not played in the Arena our loss in this sport would have become something like \$150., which frankly, your director feels is too much money to take the chance of losing from one sport alone. Looking over former reports we find that Hockey has never been self supporting. We must prepare for the lean years when perhaps our teams may not have the good fortune to play in the Arena, and to that end we are out to make Hockey pay for itself this year.

The citizens of the town are always ready to back the High School Athletic Association in any time of need. We are indeed grateful for the support given by the Citizens Hockey Committee in past years and for the splendid new rink which has been built for our use entirely thru the generosity of the Stoneham Rotary Club. This co-operation from the townspeople is very gratifying, and if we are able to put each sport on a self-supporting basis, it will be because of their help in many ways.

From the report also we may see that the Girls' Field Hockey team has this year become a bit more than self-supporting as against a deficit of \$48.03 for last year. These girls and their coaches deserve a great deal of credit. For the past two years, since they entered the league an inexperienced team in comparison with the others, they have been able by good playing and fine spirit to annex two second places, defeating practically all comers.

Our policy this year is "Every season self-supporting." As our football team defrays the expenses of cross-country and until this year field hockey, we hope to have a basket ball team that may make up any deficit incurred by the ice hockey team. Baseball will take care of itself.

Our chief sources of income are from Sale of Tags at games, from which we received over \$1,000.00 for the entire year, and from Athletic Association dues, which students are urged to pay at the rate of ten cents each month. Dues paid this year amounted to \$170.09.

It is the general policy of the Athletic Department to provide an opportunity for the greatest number of students to participate. To this end we are having football, cross-country and field hockey in the fall; basket ball and ice hockey in winter; track and baseball in spring, with a capable teacher-coach to take care of each sport.

These teams are taught that the purpose of athletics is to develop the mental as well as the physical; that our aim is not primarily to defeat some other group, but to play hard and in strict accordance with the spirit of the rules of the game. To



this end Stoneham High School stands for clean sports throughout, and our standard is such that at present we are able to hold our own with athletic teams sent out from many schools in the State which are larger than ours.

In closing allow me to express the thanks of all those connected with the Athletic Association for the support given us by the citizens, the Rotary Club, the school department, not forgetting our Superintendent and Principal; for their share in helping Stoneham High School stand for "Fair Play and May the best Team Win."

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne W. McNally  
Faculty Director

### COOKING

Mr. Frederick W. Porter, Superintendent of Schools  
Stoneham, Mass.

Dear Sir:

The course in Cooking is practically the same this year as it has been in other years.

The aim of the course is two-fold—to teach the pupils the proper methods of preparing and serving foods and to support a lunch room for pupils and teachers.

A course in Dietetics is being introduced, and it is hoped that later we may be able to introduce other courses along that line.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nellie E. Flinn

### MUSIC

Mr. Frederick W. Porter, Superintendent of Schools  
Stoneham, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Making music a joyous part of the children's lives has so far been my chief aim in Stoneham. I am happy to say that with the co-operation of you, Mr. Superintendent and the School Committee, my efforts appear to be bearing fruit.

May I take this opportunity to say it seems a mistake to me not to have class room work in the Junior High School and to have seventh and eighth grade music an elective.

Your supervisor knows that he could do much more efficient work if his schedule of time were differently arranged, the periods devoted to music in the High School are so placed that it makes the general work of supervision in the other schools very difficult.

I would recommend that all of one day be devoted to the High School for music.

The High School is to give an operetta this year and I hope that this form of expression will continue each year. Our orchestra shows great promise—in fact, all the various organizations are doing good work along sound lines without fads and fancies diverting the true aim of public school music.

Let me thank all the Stoneham people, School Board, Superintendent, Faculty, parents and children for the heartiest co-operation and good will.

Respectfully submitted,  
Walter M. Dalglish,  
Supervisor of Music

### HEALTH

Mr. Frederick W. Porter, Superintendent of Schools  
Stoneham, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Inasmuch as the work of the School Nurse is one that is cumulative in effect and depends largely upon the co-operation of those she comes in contact with, I am happy to be able to report more facts of progress this year instead of plans for the future as in the past, as a result of the wonderful spirit of co-operation shown by the people of Stoneham.

The principal function of this department is that of prevention rather than cure and it is difficult to adequately describe what has been accomplished. Prevention of disease is largely a matter of education and instruction in measures of a corrective nature. It may be of interest to note the work along these lines performed by this department during the past year as follows:

#### Educational

First aid lessons

Distribution of health material

Talks to pupils at various intervals on teeth, nutrition, sleep, proper clothing, etc.

The showing of the film "Story of Milk" in the Assembly Hall at the High School to the pupils of the elementary grades through the courtesy of the New England Food and Dairy Councils

108 pupils supplied with prophylactic toothbrushes at seven cents each

#### Preventive

Mid-morning lunches

Eye and ear examinations

The monthly weighing of pupils

7248 inspections

315 home visits urging professional treatment and investigating absence

147 pupils excluded for colds, contagion, illness, etc.

### Corrective

Underweight clinic—53 pupils were examined

Three pupils who were 10 per cent underweight were sent to a summer camp, under the auspices of the Mass. Tuberculosis League at Sharon Heights, Mass. The sending of these pupils was made possible by the sale of the Christmas Seals in Stoneham

1 pupil taken to Waverly psychiatric clinic

99 pupils treated at school

304 cases reported to parents relative to defective vision, teeth, tonsils, etc.

• I believe it will also be of interest to note that this year our schools have been practically free from the dreaded disease of diphtheria. It is the thought that the Schick Test Clinics held last year are in a large measure responsible for this condition. In this connection it is earnestly hoped that arrangements can be made to hold another clinic of this nature next spring in order to continue the good work started in this direction by taking care of the pupils who have not been given the test as yet.

The following facts will undoubtedly be of interest in showing the progress made by this department.

Absenteeism has been decreased 1 percent. The list of 10 Percent underweights has been cut in half. Defective vision cases have been decreased one third.

There is still a great deal to be accomplished in connection with our school health work and with co-operation in increased form from everyone concerned, it may not be impossible to expect that the coming generation in Stoneham will represent the acme of health with the resultant increase in happiness and intelligence.

In conclusion, may I express my sincere thanks and appreciation for the spirit of helpfulness displayed by the superintendent, the school committee, the teachers, the school physician, the board of health, the parents, The Stoneham Visiting Nurse Association, the state department of health, and the New England Dairy and Food Council. Without their aid nothing could have

been accomplished and with the continuance of same it is expected that in the future greater results will be obtained.

Respectfully submitted

Marion L. Franchere

#### ATTENDANCE OFFICER

Mr. Frederick W. Porter, Superintendent of Schools,  
Stoneham, Mass.

Dear Sir:

The following is my report as Attendance Officer for the year 1925:

Number of calls	82
Inclined to be Truants	4

Many of the calls that I have made were in regard to the proper working certificate for minors. I have found that in most cases it was only necessary to explain the requirements.

I have received, with two exceptions, very hearty co-operation from the parents in regard to truancy, and feel that the parents are realizing more and more the importance of keeping their children in school.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. Patten, Attendance Officer.

#### A REPORT OF THE WORK DONE BY THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE IN THE TOWN OF STONEHAM FOR THE YEAR OF 1925

The work done in Stoneham by the Middlesex County Extension Service has been carried on mostly in co-operation with the School Department.

In the 4-H club activities, 106 boys and girls were enrolled in the supper, canning, garden and millinery clubs, under the local leadership of Miss Dora Sprague and Miss May Russell.

The supper club wound up its season with a Mother-Daughter supper, while the accomplishments of the summer club work were shown at a meeting of the Parent-Teachers Association.

A two day trip to the Massachusetts Agricultural College was awarded to Gladys Colwell for her outstanding work in the canning club and to Phyllis Ross for excellent work in the supper club. The canning club under the leadership of Gladys



Colwell, the Junior Director for Stoneham, held a food sale and the money raised was spent for prizes awarded to canning club members having the best exhibit.

The Stoneham Club members took part in the sectional field day at Spot Pond.

Four millinery meetings were held by the Home Demonstration Agents in the Fall and Spring for junior and adult millinery groups.

The fruit specialist rendered help to fruit growers.

In addition several County-wide meetings such as the County Picnic at Concord, the Annual Extension Service meeting at Waltham, meetings for fruit growers and poultrymen and leaders' training meetings for home-makers have been held during the year and were attended by people from Stoneham.

COURSES FOR PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT TAKEN BY STONEHAM TEACHERS DURING 1925

Teacher	Spring	Summer	Fall
W. L. Moore	Conversational Fr.—B. U.		Conversational Fr.—B. U.
W. M. Nadeau	Normal Course—Castine, Me.	Summer Course—Univ. of Me.	Conversational Fr.—B. U.
E. F. Alden			Victorian Poets and Modern Am. Poetry—B. U.
F. N. Eaton	Sociology and Economics—University of Chicago Philosophy—Oskaloosa College	Child Study and Philosophy of Educ.—Oskaloosa College	
W. W. McNally	English and Psychology of Business, Univ. of Mass.		Jr. High School—B. U.
F. A. Davis	Electron Theory—B. U.		Historical Geology—Harvard
H. G. Fowler			Mod. Am. Lit.—Mass. Univ. Ext.
U. M. Hetherston			Latin, Greek—Harvard
E. W. Crowell			Health Educ.—Mass. Univ. Ext.
F. Eastman		Travel—Europe	Adv. Course in Child Study—N. Adams
A. M. Walsh	Child Study — N. Adams Normal		Progressive Methods in the Elem. Sch.—B. U.
C. A. Niles			

P. G. Hinchcliffe

A. H. Smith

J. F. Copland

R. M. Emerson

R. K. Coy

G. K. Fletcher

J. E. Wood

L. H. Freitag

M. E. Chapman

R. J. Cannon

H. Hedberg

L. Parker

F. H. Graham

C. M. Welch

Shorthand and Typewriting  
H. S.

Educ. Psychology and Sociology—Univ. of Vermont  
Educ. Guidance—Harvard

Kindergarten, Primary Project and Handwork—Hyannis Normal

Kindergarten, Primary Projects and Pedagogy—Hyannis Normal

Psychological Prins. Applied in Tchg.—State House

Psychological Prins. Applied in Tchg.—State House

Individual Child—B. U.

Educ. Psychology—B. U.

Problems in Educ. Psychology—Harvard—B. U. Ext.

Tests and Measurements—Mass Univ. Ext.

Health Educ.—Mass. Univ. Ext.

Health Educ.—Mass Univ. Ext.

Health Educ.—Mass. Univ. Ext.

Health Educ.—Mass Univ. Ext.

Tests and Measurements—State House

Educ. Psychology—B. U. Music—Newburyport

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H. L. Briggs  
C. G. Roberts  
M. E. Riley  
D. W. Marshall

Travel—Europe

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Educ. Psychology—B. U.  
Individual Child and Special  
Class work—B. U.  
Dancing, Braggiotti, Deni-  
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Tailoring—Boston

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# SUMMARY OF SUPERINTENDENT'S ACTIVITIES FOR YEAR 1925

## Conferences

Parents and Citizens .....	6594
Applicants .....	341
Agents .....	542
School Officials .....	19
Teachers .....	4485
Supervisors .....	816
Principals .....	852
School Committeemen .....	919
Town Officials .....	966
Teachers' meetings .....	27
Teachers' Bulletins .....	57
Committee Meetings .....	18
Committee Bulletins .....	77

No. of miles auto operated in town service—4631.9

## Visits—General

Center	56	Freitag	16
Dean	65	Cannon	15
East	35	Chapman	6
North	33	Davis	14
South	30	Ryan	1
High	132	Fowler	1
Walsh	27	Pomeroy	1
Stevens	18	Thibodeau	2
Smith	21	Deal	1
Hinchcliffe	18	Alden	2
Niles	19	Moore	2
Emerson	19	McNally	1
Wood	15	Cross	1
Copland	20	Bessey	3
Steele	18	Flinn	1
Coy	20	Peyton	1
Fletcher	19	Whittemore	2
Welch	18	Riley	3
Briggs	15	Messier	1
Sweetser	14	Granger	1
Roberts	7	Storey	1
Blake	17	Sprague	1
Hedberg	18	Bryant	3
Parker	16	Conant	6
Graham	16	Morrill	1

# Intensive

Walsh	3	Chapman	3
Stevens	2	Davis	8
Smith	1	Blake	3
Hinchcliffe	2	Hedberg	2
Niles	3	Parker	2
Emerson	2	Graham	2
Wood	2	Hewitt	1
Copland	5	Flinn	1
Steele	2	Dalglish	1
Coy	4	Linscott	1
Fletcher	6	Storey	1
Freitag	8	Roberts	3
Cannon	9	Sweetser	7
Conant	4	Briggs	6

Welch 7

# Testing

Parker	4	Coy	4
Graham	4	Walsh	3
Conant	3	Smith	1
Davis	5	Hinchcliffe	1
Stevens	4	Blake	3
Sweetser	4	Roberts	2
Niles	4	Chapman	2
Emerson	4	Briggs	2
Wood	4	Welch	2
Copland	4	Fletcher	2
Steele	4	Cannon	2
Freitag	3	Hedberg	2

Miscellaneous 193

# LIST OF TEACHERS

Chas. J. Emerson	High	1895	Bates College	23 Green St.	Sto.	0236-W
Earl T. Thibodeau	"	1918	Tufts College	8 Benton St.	"	0721-M
Wayne W. McNally	"	1924	Colby College	12 Pine St.	"	0622-R
Edw. F. Alden	"	1924	Tufts College	17 Congress St.	"	0836-W
Chester A. Neilsen	"	1925	Burdett College	67 Central St.	"	0650
Wm. M. Nadeau	"	1925	Castine Normal	12 Pine St.	"	0622-R
Frank N. Eaton	"	1925	Oskaloosa College	68 Pleasant St.	"	0544-J
Vera L. Moore	"	1922	Colby College	6 Hersam St.	"	0176-W
Clara V. Pomeroy	"	1921	Shaw Business College	21 Hancock St.	"	0478-M
Eva M. Garland	"	1905	Colby College	13 Pomeworth St.	"	0841-M
Grace E. Ryan	"	1915	Simmons College	Wakefield	Crys.	0239-J
Fannie A. Davis	"	1903	Bridgewater Normal	38 Warren St.	Sto.	0637-W
Gladys Damon	"	1923	Boston University	69 Central St.	"	0844-W
Helena C. Fowler	"	1924	Boston University	19 Everett St.	"	0044
Lenora Bessey	"	1905	Colby College	31 Cedar Ave.	"	0259-M
Ada B. Deal	"	1925	Radcliffe College	26 Congress St.	"	0733-R
Edwin J. Whittemore	"	1913	N. H. State Normal	3 Middle St.	"	0275-W
Victor M. Hetherston	"	1925	Harvard	Cambridge	Univ.	2318-M
A. Lorette Thompson	"	1923	Middlebury College	16 Avon St.	Sto.	0327-M
Fannie Eastman	"	1924	Univ. of Vermont	63 Hancock St.	"	0362-W
Katherine A. Devlin	"	1899	Salem Normal	81 Hancock St.	"	0555-J
Marion E. Pickering	"	1921	Castine Normal	21 Hancock St.	"	0478-M
			University of Maine			
Eliz. W. Crowell	"	1908	Farmington Normal	63 Hancock St.	"	0362-W

Alice V. Peyton	"	1885	Salem Normal	70	Hancock St.	"	0338-M
Alice M. Walsh	Center	1901	Stoneham		Melrose Hlds.	Mel.	1619-W
Alice H. Smith	"	1897	Salem Normal	31	Chestnut St.	Sto.	0319-W
Priscilla C. Hinchcliffe	"	1911	Salem Normal	2	East St	"	0348-W
Laura L. Stevens	"	1910	Bates College	19	Lincoln St.	"	0637-J
Clare A. Niles	"	1920	Framingham Normal	7	Benton St	"	
Ruth M. Emerson	Dean	1923	Salem Normal	17	Pine St.	"	0511-J
Vera E. Wood	"	1925	Keene Normal	16	Lindenwood Rd.	"	0528-M
Janet F. Copland	"	1914	Salem Normal		Winchester	Win.	0585-M
Rachel H. Steele	"	1916	Bridgewater Normal	40	Main St	Sto.	0231-M
Rose K. Coy	"	1919	Worcester Normal	18	Middlesex Rd	"	0626-J
Grace K. Fletcher	"	1923	Bridgewater Normal	16	Avon St.	"	0327-M
Lydia H. Freitag	East	1923	Yale University	18	Pond St.	"	0753
Ruth J. Cannon	"	1925	Farmington Normal	91	Marble St.	"	0798-M
M. Ethel Chapman	"	1925	Miss Rust's K. O. Nor.	Melrose		Mel.	1737-W
Anna S. Davis	"	1920	Salem Normal	91	Marble St.	Sto.	0157-J
Mary E. Blake	"	1905	Burdette College	14	Cottage St.	"	0505-R
Hilla Hedberg	North	1921	R. I. Normal	19	North St.	"	0450
A. Lillian Parker	"	1918	Salem Normal	20	Hancock St.	"	0583-J
Florence H. Graham	"	1910	Stoneham	20	Cedar Ave.	"	0176-M
Grace M. Welch	South	1918	Newburyport	7	Peabody Rd.	"	0654-M
Helen L. Briggs	"	1907	Quincy	23	Maple St.	"	0472-R
Cora C. Roberts	"	1925	Univ. of Vermont	31A	Maple St	"	0632-J
Lilly B. Sweetser	"	1886	Newton	23	Maple St.	"	0472-R
Marion L. Franchere	Sch. Nursing	1923	Columbia University	70	Pleasant St.	"	0119-M
			Winchester Hospital				
Nellie E. Flinn	Dom. Sci.	1925	Farmington Normal	31A	Maple St.	"	0632-J



Walter M. Dalglish	1925	Victoria Col. London	Andover	Law.	1157-R
Marion E. Riley	1924	B'n Sch. of Phys. Edu.	32 Franklin St.	Sto.	0065-M
Geo. E. Pike	1925	Springfield College	32 Pomeworth St.	"	0242-M
Fred. A. Campbell	1919	Wentworth Institute	20 Waverly St.	"	0493-M
Dor'ty W. Marshall	1923	Framingham Normal	542 Main St	"	0074-J
H. Lillian Hewitt	1925		17 Hersam St.	"	0791-W
Norman P. Hersam			20 Hersam St.	"	0180
Clifford E. Patten			9 Cedar Ave.	Home	0509-J
Albert J. Smith				Office	0037
Thomas Flynn			Fire Station	Sto.	0127
Wm. H. Thompson			14 Park St.	"	0796-R
O. Kerrigan			40 Pond St.	"	0701-W
C. E. White			66 Central St.	"	0014-J
J. H. Duncklee			4 Tremont		
Jacob Eaton			533 Main St.	"	0212-J
			33 Pleasant St.	"	0702-J

# AGE AND GRADE REPORT, JANUARY 1, 1926

Grade	AGE													AGE.				Totals
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19			
S-P	46	3														49		
1	18	77	31	1												127		
2		15	64	16	6	3										104		
3			14	63	26	7	4	2								116		
4				12	60	27	11	2								112		
5					9	53	15	9	9			1				96		
6						9	60	32	6		1					108		
7							13	49	28	12	3					105		
8							11	31	30	15	11	1				99		
9								3	36	46	24	8				117		
10										15	45	33	6			99		
11										4	20	44	25	2		95		
12								1			7	23	37	13	6	87		
13												4	12	21	7	44		
Opp.			1	7	3	2	5	5	3	3	1					30		
Totals	64	95	110	99	104	101	119	134	112	95	112	114	80	36	13	1388		

## TEACHERS SALARY SCHEDULE

**Increments** At the end of the first and second years of service a teacher shall receive an increase of \$50. and at the end of each succeeding year's service, \$100. till the maximum for the class in which the teacher is located is reached. No increment shall increase the teacher's salary above the maximum of her class.

**Maximum** All regular female teachers in the employ of the Stoneham School Department shall be entitled to attain a maximum salary in accordance with the increments stated above under the following conditions.

High School Grad. with no further training	\$1200.	Class A
High School Grad. with one year further training	1300.	Class B
High School Grad. with two years further training	1400.	Class C
High School Grad. with three years further training	1500.	Class D
High School Grad. with four years further training		
or holder of a bachelor's degree	1600.	Class E
High School Grad. with five years further training or		
holder of a master's degree	1700.	Class F

The above maxima shall go into effect September 1, 1924 except that the maximum of no teacher serving in the town of Stoneham on June 1, 1924 shall be less than that to which he was entitled at that time. The further training referred to above must be along allied lines and must be approved as such by the Supt. of Schools and the school committee. A teacher who becomes entitled to be in a higher classification as to maximum shall be moved into the higher classification only at the end of the school year in June. Ten years' consecutive service in Stoneham shall automatically entitle a teacher to the next higher classification.

**Principals** Teachers who have been appointed by the school committee to act as principals in the North, South and East Schools shall receive \$50. a year in addition to their regular salaries and, at the Center and Dean Schools, \$75. a year in addition to their regular salaries.

**Credit for Professional Improvement I.** Teachers may apply work done at any time toward the raising of their maximum classification under the following regulations:

1. A semester hour represents 15 hours of class work of 60 minutes or its equivalent.

2. Fifteen semester hours of college, extension or summer school work or 18 hours of normal school work constitute one semester's work

3. For courses similar to or identical with courses already receiving credit, no additional credit can be given.

4. No credit can be given for incomplete work.

5. Credit for private instruction, travel, conspicuous and distinguished service, etc. will be given only when it can be shown to the satisfaction of the school committee that both in extent and quality is equivalent to work accepted for credit.

II. For an approved two semester hour half year course any teacher shall receive in addition to her regular salary \$25. Other courses taken during the school year shall be compensated proportionally.

1. For an approved summer course any teacher shall receive \$50.

2. No teacher shall be remunerated as stated above except for work which has been approved by the Supt. of Schools and school committee.

3. No teacher shall be eligible to receive more than \$100. in any calendar year on account of the above provisions.

4. The above shall be placed in effect September 1, 1924.



# STONEHAM HIGH---COURSES OF STUDY

1926 - 1927

## CLASSICAL COURSE

### VII

REQUIRED	POINTS
English	4
Geography	4
Arithmetic	4
Ind. Sci.	4
History	3
Phys. Tr. (2)	1
Optional 1 to 4 points	
Drawing (2)	1
Music	1½-1
Man. Tr. (2)	1
Sewing (2)	1

### IX

REQUIRED	POINTS
English	4
Latin	4
French	4
Algebra	4
Prep. Sci.	4
or	
History	3
Phys. Tr. (2)	1
Optional 1 to 4 points	
Drawing (2)	1
Music	1½-1
Man. Tr. (2)	1
Sewing (2)	1
Cooking (2)	1
Type (2)	1

### XI

REQUIRED	POINTS
English	4
Latin	4
French	4
Pl. Geom.	4
Chem. (6)	

### VIII

REQUIRED	POINTS
English	4
Latin	4
Arithmetic	4
Com. Sci.	4
History	3
Phys. Tr. (2)	1
Optional 1 to 4 points	
Drawing (2)	1
Music	1½-1
Man. Tr. (2)	1
Sewing (2)	1
Cooking (2)	1
Type (2)	1

### X

REQUIRED	POINTS
English	4
Latin	4
French	4
Alg. and Geom.	4
Hist. or Phys.	4
Phys. Tr. (2)	1
Optional 1 to 4 points	
Drawing (2)	1
Music	1½-1
Sewing (2)	1
Cooking (2)	1

### XII

REQUIRED	POINTS
English	4
Latin	4
French	4
Review Math.	4
U. S. Hist. & Civ.	4

Hist. or Geol.	4
Phys. Tr. (2)	1
Optional 1 to 4 points	
Music	$\frac{1}{2}$ -1
Sewing (2)	1
Cooking (2)	1

Phys. Tr. (2)	1
Optional 1 to 4 points	
Solid Geom.	
Trig. or Biol.	3
Physics	3
Music	$\frac{1}{2}$ -1
Sewing (2)	1
Cooking (2)	1

### SCIENTIFIC COURSE

VII	
REQUIRED	POINTS
English	4
Geography	4
Arithmetic	4
Ind. Sci.	4
History	3
Phys. Tr. (2)	1
Optional 1 to 4 points	
Drawing (2)	1
Music	$\frac{1}{2}$ -1
Man. Tr. (2)	1
Sewing (2)	1

IX	
REQUIRED	POINTS
English	4
Lat. or Prep. Sci.	4
Algebra	4
French	4
History	3
Phys. Tr. (2)	1
Optional 1 to 4 points	
Drawing (2)	1
Music	$\frac{1}{2}$ -1
Man. Tr. (2)	1
Sewing (2)	1
Cooking (2)	1
Type (2)	1

XI	
REQUIRED	POINTS
English	4

VIII	
REQUIRED	POINTS
English	4
Lat. or com. Geog.	4
Arith. & Alg.	4
Com. Sci.	4
History	3
Phys. Tr. (2)	1
Optional 1 to 4 points	
Drawing (2)	1
Music	$\frac{1}{2}$ -1
Man. Tr. (2)	1
Sewing (2)	1
Cooking (2)	1
Type (2)	1

X	
REQUIRED	POINTS
English	4
French	4
Algebra & Geo.	4
Physic	4
History	4
Phys. Tr. (2)	1
Optional 1 to 4 points	
Drawing (2)	1
Music	$\frac{1}{2}$ -1
Sewing (2)	1
Cooking (2)	1

XII	
REQUIRED	POINTS
English	4

French	4	French	4
Pl. Geom.	4	Review Math.	4
Chem. (6) or		Sol. Geom.	3
Hist. or Geol.	4	Phys. or Biol.	3
Phys. Tr. (2)	1	U. S. Hist. & Civ.	4
		Phys. Tr. (2)	1
Optional 1 to 4 points		Optional 1 to 4 points	
Music	$\frac{1}{2}$ -1	Trig.	3
Sewing (2)	1	Music	$\frac{1}{2}$ -1
Cooking (2)	1	Sewing (2)	1
		Cooking (2)	1

### BUSINESS COURSE

VII		VIII	
REQUIRED	POINTS	REQUIRED	POINTS
English	4	English	4
Geography	4	Com. Geog.	4
Arithmetic	4	Arithmetic	4
Ind. Sci.	4	Com. Sci.	4
History	3	History	3
Phys. Tr. (2)	1	Phys. Tr. (2)	1

Optional 1 to 4 points		Optional 1 to 4 points	
Drawing (2)	1	Drawing (2)	1
Music	$\frac{1}{2}$ -1	Music	$\frac{1}{2}$ -1
Man. Tr. (2)	1	Man. Tr. (2)	1
Sewing (2)	1	Sewing (2)	1
		Cooking (2)	1

IX		X	
REQUIRED	POINTS	REQUIRED	POINTS
English	4	English	4
Bookkeeping	4	Bookkeeping	4
Com. Arith.	4	Stenography	4
Prep. Sci.	4	Type (4)	2
Spanish or	4	Span. or Hist. or Physics	4
History	3	Penmanship	2
Phys. Tr. (2)	1	Phys. Tr. (2)	1

Optional 1 to 4 points		Optional 1 to 4 points	
Drawing (2)	1	Drawing (2)	1
Music	$\frac{1}{2}$ -1	Music	$\frac{1}{2}$ -1
Man. Tr. (2)	1	Man. Tr. (2)	1
Sewing (2)	1	Sewing (2)	1
Cooking (2)	1	Cooking (2)	1

XI.		
REQUIRED		POINTS
English		4
Bookkeeping		4
Stenography		4
Type (4)		2
Hist. Geol. or Spainsh		4
Penmanship		2
Phys. Tr. (2)		1
Optional 1 to 4 points		
Music		$\frac{1}{2}$ -1
Sewing (2)		1
Cooking (2)		1

XII		
REQUIRED		POINTS
English		4
Off. Prac. & Econ.		4
Stenography		4
Type (4)		2
U. S. Hist. & Civ.		4
Biol.		3
or Spanish		4
Phys. Tr. (2)		1
Optional 1 to 4 points		
Music		$\frac{1}{2}$ -1
Sewing (2)		1
Cooking (2)		1



# GRADUATION EXERCISES CLASS 1925

## PROGRAM

### SELECTION

S. H. S. Orchestra

### PRAYER

Rev. Mont M. Thornburg

O Rest In the Lord—Elijah

Mendelssohn

Chorus

### ESSAY—Pageantry

Hazel B. Blanchard (Second Honor)

### ESSAY—The Use of Leisure

Marie E. Hovey

### ESSAY—Training for Citizenship

Stanley B. Pierce

Springtime—When Life is Brightest

Wooler

Girls Glee Club

### ESSAY—Reconstruction In France

Mary S. Van Buren

### ESSAY—The Geneva Conference

Bernice Park

### CLASS HISTORY

Annie Arrand

Viking Song

Coleridge-Taylor

Chorus

### CLASS PROPHECY

Winthrop A. McCarthy

### POEM—The Great Teacher

Mary C. Hylan (First Honor)

Hail Freedom's Hour

Verdi

Chorus

### PRESENTATION of the MacDonald Scholarship Medals to Mary

C. Hylan and Stanley B. Pierce

Mr. William B. Snow

### AWARD OF DIPLOMAS

Mr. C. Frank Munger

Chairman of School Committee

### SELECTION

S. H. S. Orchestra

"What You are to be, You are Becoming"

## GRADUATES

### Classical Course (4 years)

Hazel Barrett Blanchard	Winthrop Augustus McCarthy
Earl Clarence Finnegan	Bernice Park
Mary Champlin Hylan	Janice Esther Peterson
Evangeline Gray Lister	Arthur Vernon Pettengill
Mary Sharpe Van Buren	

### Scientific Course (4 years)

Evelyn Mabel Bellows	Everett Lane Hale
Doris Claire Brackley	Marie Estelle Hovey
Frederick Harvey Brock	Donald Munro Kelly
Russell Cushing Chase	Lloyd Charles Kinsley
Thomas Peter Devlin	Walter Gordon Leavitt
Ralph Leo Duplin	George Ervin Newhall
Elwood Badger Elliott	Stanley Brown Pierce
Paul Richard Evans	Nelson Otis Prescott
Robert Sims Folant	Arthur Caldwell Small

Wescomb Otis Temple

### Business Course (4 years)

Alice Celestine Haley

### Business Course (3 years)

Barbara Eliza Babin	Annetta Marie Johnston
Stanley White Buck	Everett Augustus Lovering
Helen Kathryn Canning	Helen Beatrice Miller
Josephine Elizabeth Crosby	Ruth Vivian Nason
William Everett Crosby	Jack K. H. Nielson
Gertrude Dillon	Bernadine Margaret Reynolds
Alma Pearl Frost	Clark Alton Richardson
Marion Emily Graustein	Earl Robert Robertson
Hazel Lillian Harris	Ruth Edna Tutein

Freda Muriel Young

### General Course (4 years)

William Edward Hines	Fred Everson Nickerson
Richard Henry McIntosh	Mabel Louise Thorburn

Dorothea Virginia Young

**General Course (3 years)**

Annie Arrand	Bernard Maurice Halpin
William Devlin Bates	Ethel Elizabeth Holtsberg
Franklin Leavitt Bennett	Henry Russell Hume
Arthur Joseph Blockel	James Melwin McDearmid
William George Callahan	Gerald Victor Morrell
George Cadman Campbell	Rayford Melvin Potter
Edwin Hartwell Frazier	Charles Gerry Rotondi
Homer Carl Fuller	Richard Harris Wilkins
Fred Eugene Wingate	

## FINANCIAL STATISTICS

Instruction—Salaries	\$92,585.00	Apportionment of 1925 Budget based on appropriation voted by Town	92,066.00	Apportionment of Proposed 1926 Budget as planned by School Committee	\$98,390.00	Increase over 1925	6,324.00
Books	4,107.50		4,107.50		4,300.00		192.50
Supplies	4,107.50		4,107.50		4,300.00		192.50
Operation—Salaries	6,850.00		6,850.00		6,850.00		None
Fuel	8,550.00		8,550.00		9,042.50		492.50
Miscellaneous	2,200.00		2,200.00		2,700.00		500.00
Maintenance Repairs	6,000.00		3,000.00		6,000.00		3,000.00
Auxiliary Agencies—Health	400.00		400.00		400.00		None
Transportation	1,520.00		1,520.00		1,520.00		None
Tuition	699.00		1,699.00		2,880.55		1,181.55
Miscellaneous	500.00		500.00		500.00		None
Outlay—New Equipment	1,000.00		1,000.00		1,000.00		None
Total	128,519.00		126,000.00		137,883.05		11,883.05



## BUDGET SUBMITTED FOR 1926

### Explanation of Items in Proposed Budget for 1926

1. **Instruction**—Salaries based on six payrolls, \$57,462.00  
 Jan.-June and four payrolls, Sept.-Dec. (Comtemplates 40,928.00  
 one additional H. S. teacher and one additional elemen-  
 tary teacher in Sept., 1926.) \$98,390.00

**Books and supplies** based on last year's increase of 7 per cent and this year as below. The drop of per cent of increase is due to pupils returning to Melrose with tuition paid who were in Stoneham Schools last year.

Oct. 1924	1361	1322	1324.04	1286.68
Oct. 1925	1408	1382	1378.85	1336.29

Increase	47	60	54.81	49.61
Per Cent Increase	3.45	4.54	4.15	3.30

2. **Operation**—Jaintors 3 @ \$750., 1 @ \$1200., 1 @ 1600.  
 1 @ 1800. Total—\$6850.00

Fuel 350 tons Anthracite @	\$16.00	5600.00	(1926)
405 tons Bituminous @	8.50	3442.50	(1926)

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\$9042.50

350 tons Anthracite @	\$15.75	5512.50	(1925)
405 tons Bituminous @	7.50	3037.50	(1925)

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\$8550.00

**Miscellaneous**—We spent in 1925 as follows up to Dec. 1st, 1925

Electricity .....	946.61
Gas .....	59.91
Telephone .....	152.46
Water .....	423.84
Miscellaneous .....	627.63

Total	2210.45
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Estimated Exp. in Dec.	352.88
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Total for year	\$2563.33
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### Financial Statistics

3. **Maintenance.** We spend for only necessary emergency operating repairs annually \$3,000. Up to a year or two ago we spent between \$4,000. to 5,000. under this item to keep schools up in good condition. We painted and renovated the interiors of the North, South and East Schools, installed new toilets at the

Center, new washing and drinking facilities, etc. Whatever is appropriated above \$3,600. can be used for these purposes. The following need to be done now.:

Interior of Center School repainted  
 Interior of Dean School repainted  
 Interior of High School repainted  
 Exterior of East School repainted  
 Exterior of South School repainted  
 Exterior of Center School repainted  
 Exterior of Dean School repainted  
 Slate blackboards in North, South, East, Center and Dean  
 Renovation of toilets in Dean School  
 Change in heating at High School to use of soft coal (This  
 change would pay for itself in less than 10 years in coal  
 saving alone to say nothing of janitor labor)  
 New fences at North, South, East and Dean Schools  
 Install adequate electric lights at Dean School

4. Aux. Agencies. Tuition figured as follows:

23 Elem. pupils at Melrose	@\$78.08	1795.84
3 H. S. pupils at Melrose	@105.57	316.71
12 Elem. pupils at Wakefield	@64.00	768.00
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		\$2880.55

## Report of the Gould Meadow Committee

To the Citizens of Stoneham:

In our investigation of the Gould Meadow project, we have received the assistance of many of Stoneham's citizens and organizations. We must make special mention of the co-operation given us by the Board of Assessors, Town Counsel, the recreation survey made of the Town through the assistance of the Planning Board, and the time and labor contributed by Willie H White, Thomas E. McKenna and Charles Baldwin in the investigation and appraisal of that part of the Gould Meadow which we recommend be immediately acquired by the Town.

In reaching our decision we have given due consideration to Stoneham's rapid increase in population during the past five years; also to the absence of play areas large enough for games of base-ball, etc., near the center of the Town, and to the trend of present day education to give each boy and girl room to engage in team play. We find that according to accepted standards approved by the Playground and Recreation Association of America, a town of Stoneham's population and area should have at least sixty acres of land reserved for Park and Recreation purposes, or approximately seven times as much as the land now owned by the town.

We indorse the report from the Playground and Recreation Association of America, in which it is stated that it is desirable that the Town of Stoneham acquire the Gould Meadow for the following reasons:

1. The location is most satisfactory in that the land is in the center of the town.
2. The topography of this area makes it valueless as it now stands, for building purposes and it is therefore inexpensive land.
3. It would be most desirable from a health standpoint to fill and improve the meadow, now swampy and a mosquito breeder.
4. The value of the abutting property would increase if this land were acquired and improved by the town.
5. With its three entrances, the traffic hazards that might accompany a site of similar central location are eliminated and the natural bowl would afford a safe place to play.
6. Its proximity to the railroad station and the center of the town should give a visitor a favorable impression that Stoneham is a good place in which to live.

If the Town does acquire this land it should do so at a fair price to the present owners, because it is not the desire of the Town to deal unfairly with any of its property owners; neither

should it pay an exorbitant price for this land. Accordingly, we have obtained the services of two men from the Investment Committee of the Stoneham Trust Company, and one man from the Investment Committee of the Stoneham Cooperative Bank, and with the help of these men we have appraised this land at \$5,405.00.

In considering ways and means for obtaining money for the purchase of this land we have recognized that the tax payers are having many demands made upon them and we did not deem it expedient to ask for money from the tax levy. We do, however, deem it good policy that all moneys received from the sale of Town lands should go into a fund to be spent for the purchase and development of other lands as playground areas.

We, therefore, recommend that the \$5,900.00 received from the sale of the Farm Hill land, the unexpended balance appropriated for the Gould Meadow Committee and the money returned to the Town from the 200th anniversary committee, be appropriated as a fund for the acquiring of this land.

We do further recommend that the Town acquire, by purchase or otherwise, the land as given below from the following property owners:

Lot No.	Owner	Appx. Area Sq. Ft.
6	Florence Green	3300
8	Charles Anderson	2800
9	Neshan Panosian	20000
10	Charles Owen	10500
11	James C. Hughes	9100
12	Rosina Nicholazzo	10450
15	John E. Cullen	60900
16	Patrick Halpin	16270
19	Patrick Halpin	39300
17	American Hide & Leather	25710
18	Allie Sprague	9742
20	Alice R. Grover	3000
25	G. Pingiaro & Antino Arci	86800
	Total	297872

Gould Meadow Committee,  
 Clarence W. Houghton  
 Rev. Mont M. Thornburg  
 William A. Gile  
 A. P. Rounds  
 William A. Garside

## **Report of Tree Warden**

To the Citizens of Stoneham:

I hereby submit my report as Tree Warden for the year ending December 31, 1925.

At the annual Town Meeting the sum of \$800 was appropriated for the care of shade trees, and \$300 for new shade trees. This money was expended in the following manner:

During the late Summer and Fall months much necessary trimming was done and 17 dead trees were removed from the streets.

Conditions resulting from the ice storm of December 1921, make a vast amount of trimming necessary. Branches that were cracked and weakened at that time are constantly breaking and have to be removed. Many of the branches that were cut back have died and have to be attended to in order to prevent further decay.

In the month of April 50 Sugar Maples were purchased from the North Wilmington Nurseries and planted in locations where the need seemed greatest. 30 yards of loam was obtained from Robert A. Newcomb of 337 Main street and used in this planting.

Cedar posts and wire guards were procured for the protection of the trees. We now have over 900 new trees planted during the last twelve years that need careful attention; As they grow, lower limbs must be removed, guards enlarged or renewed and all trees that are leaning we straighten. The old trees are being removed at the rate of about 20 per year, therefore we should plant at least 70 new trees each year to make up for this loss and make a gain of 50 a year. I believe there is no improvement that so quickly catches the eye of the stranger within our gates as streets shaded with well cared for trees.

The Tree Warden will ask for an appropriation of \$1200 for the Shade Tree Dept. for the ensuing year. \$400 to be used in planting new trees.

### **Moth Suppression**

In regard to this particularly important branch of our work I have the following report to make:

In this Town there was no defoliation of woodlands by the gypsy moth. However it is worthy of notice that on Cape Cod a large tract of 40,000 to 50,000 acres the trees were stripped of leaves as bare as ever in any season since the depredations of the gypsy moth were first noted here in Massachusetts.

The infestation in Stoneham is general throughout the Town.

During the cleaning season two men creosoted on an average of



100 egg clusters per day. It was noticed last Summer that such caterpillars as were observed during the spraying season were exceptionally large and healthy and the egg clusters found in the Fall work of creosoting were very large. Experiments in the past have shown that large healthy egg clusters sometimes hatch between 400 and 500 caterpillars. Economic entomologists agree that when insects become scarce, it is the proper time to take precautions, as fewer insects enjoy better feeding grounds, and gather strength to multiply, nature always taking means to prevent extinction of the species. Any relaxation of our efforts now would undoubtedly result in a heavy infestation in the near future with its consequent destruction of trees and the expenditure of large sums of money.

The browntail moth shows each year a small number of webs in this Town. Forty webs were found last year. This condition is controlled by cutting off and burning the webs. Should this thorough work be omitted the next season would show a large number of browntail caterpillars to transform into moths and fly and be carried by the wind broadcast over a large area. In a town near Fitchburg where the work was not carried on efficiently last year we find an infestation that is truly alarming. The continuation of present methods of control should insure us against the devastation of foliage that we have experienced in the past.

Respectfully submitted,

Geo. M. Jefts

Tree Warden

## Report of Park Commissioners

To the Citizens of Stoneham:

We hereby submit our report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1925.

At the annual Town Meeting the sum of \$750 was appropriated for the care and improvement of Playgrounds. This was expended in the following manner:

Early in May the Pomeworth Street Playground was given the usual treatment it has received every Spring for many years. The entire field was raked over and all stones and rubbish hauled away. Nearly all the larger stones that appeared above the surface were dug out and the holes filled with gravel and loam. Twenty yards of screened sand and loam were used in and around the diamond, after which the entire field was rolled with a tandem steam roller loaned us by Captain Wood of the Metropolitan Park. Throughout the baseball season the grass was cut as often as necessary and the grounds kept free from small stones and rubbish and was rolled many times with a hand roller. Fifty feet of new wire was purchased and placed upon the backstop. In the Fall the grass on the football field was cut with lawn mowers and the entire area was again raked over to remove all small stones. Again we rolled the field with the Metropolitan Park roller, making a hard smooth surface for both football and field hockey.

The Clara M. Steele Playground on Tidd Street was opened on June 28th. The Park Commissioners employed Mr. Daniel P. Hurd of Stoneham as supervisor for ten weeks. We feel that Mr. Hurd was the right man in the right place. His tact in handling every situation showed his fitness for the position. It was an inspiring sight on the opening day to see nearly 200 children having a wonderful time with little or no discord, each taking his or her turn at the various games—playground baseball, volley ball, football, swings, slides, teeters, horizontal bars, ring toss, bean bags, checkers and last but not least a roomy sand box for the tiny tots.

The Park Commissioners are gratified with the results obtained, and feel that the lessons of health, fair play, team work and patriotism learned through community recreation leadership will show their effects on tomorrow's citizenship. The Trustees of the Steele Playground Fund again came to our aid and constructed an excellent concrete wall along the northerly boundary of the grounds.

The new area added by the closing of Tidd Street needs to

be graded with cinders and surfaced with stone dust to correspond with the older area, and six new trees should be planted. When this is done we will have a playground we should be proud of.

The Park Commissioners recommend an appropriation of \$1,000 for the care and improvement of playgrounds for the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,

Geo. M. Jefts

John Walsh

Herbert P. Howe

Park Commissioners

## **Report of the Board of Health**

The year 1925 has been one free from any serious epidemics. We had a small one from diphtheria which was milk borne.

By closing two dairies we were able to control it immediately.

The singular feature about this epidemic was the preponderance of adults attacked, due, presumably to the inauguration of the Schick test. We also had a small epidemic of measles.

The Board of Health, in conjunction with the Board of Selectmen, have had the Town surveyed for drainage purposes, and we hope that the Town will soon be able to start on this project.

The Tannery on Hancock St. is being demolished, thus removing from our community a common source of complaint from our citizens.

The Town will soon have a population of 10,000 and a town of this size should have a full time experienced Health Officer. Such an official is just as essential to a community as a police officer. Both safe-guard the lives of the public but in different ways.

### **Some of our sewers are becoming outgrown.**

Such sewers are an inconvenience and always a menace to health in greater or less degree.

They are tolerated because it is only occasionally that they make trouble and the number of people affected is usually not large.

Some of the original sewers were intended for populations smaller than those now being served.

Provision for growth was thought to be generous; but it was neither possible to foresee nor financially practicable to provide for all future development and we cannot blame our predecessors for failing so to provide.

The problem, of course, lies in financing the replacements of the old conduits with new and adequate ones; and because of the difficulties and pressing demands for funds for many other impor-

tant purposes, the faulty condition is generally allowed to continue until that indefinite stage when it results in an intolerable nuisance.

Where new pavement is to be laid, however, there is an added and very important reason for the establishment of adequate sewer lines; and only under most extraordinary circumstances should new pavement be placed over either sewer or water mains that are inadequate or approaching inadequacy.

There can be no excuse for the wastefulness of the past in such ways.

The reports of the Agent of the Board, Inspector of Milk and Inspector of Plumbing are appended.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph H. Kerrigan, M. D.,

George A. Hinchcliffe,

Lawrence E. Doucett,

Board of Health

## REPORT OF THE AGENT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Board of Health:

Gentlemen—I herewith submit my report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1925.

### Contagious diseases reported:

Diphtheria .....	33
Dog Bite .....	1
German Measles .....	47
Ophthalmia Neonatorum .....	2
Influenza .....	1
Pneumonia (Lobar) .....	15
Measles .....	151
Mumps .....	1
Rabies .....	1
Scarlet Fever .....	5
Tuberculosis (Pulmonary) .....	10
Tuberculosis (Other forms) .....	4
Whooping Cough .....	31
Erysipelas .....	1
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>303</b>

Deaths reported	Males	Females	Total
January	5	5	10
February	4	7	11
March	12	5	17
April	8	11	19

May	9	7	16
June	6	1	7
July	2	6	8
August	7	5	12
September	4	5	9
October	6	5	11
November	5	11	16
December	1	4	5
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	69	72	141
Burial Permits issued .....			97
Permits for transportation of bodies .....			13
Number of bodies brought from other Towns .....			31
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			141
Plumbing Permits issued .....			137

Respectfully submitted,  
Charles A. Owen, Agent



## MILK INSPECTOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Health:

Gentlemen—I herewith submit my report as Milk Inspector for the year ending Dec. 31, 1925.

The work of this department has been carried on according to the customary routine of other years.

The cattle as well as the equipment of the producers have been maintained at a high standard throughout the year.

### RECORDS

No. of Licenses Granted .....	70
Milk—Stores, Restaurants, etc., 45 @ 50c .....	\$22.50
Milk—Producers and Dealers 17 @ 50c .....	8.50
Oleomargarine—Stores 8 @ 50c .....	4.00
Total .....	\$35.00

Respectfully submitted,  
Lawrence E. Doucett,  
Milk Inspector.

### REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING

To the Board of Health:

Gentlemen—I submit, herewith, my report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1925.

Number of Permits filed .....	181
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#### Installation of Fixtures

Closets .....	181
Baths .....	121
Lavatories .....	154
Sinks .....	130
Wash Trays .....	145
Pressure Boilers .....	68

Total .....	799
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Total number of inspections .....	212
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All work has been inspected, and in some cases, two, three and four times. I would call your attention to the large increase in the number of inspections due to new building operations.

Stoneham inspections are about double those in Reading where the salary allowance is greater.

I feel that I have given satisfaction both to owners and plumbers.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Taggart,  
Inspector,

## Report of Trustees of Lindenwood Cemetery

To the Citizens of Stoneham:

Following is a report of the Trustees of Lindenwood Cemetery for the year 1925.

Appropriation for Lindenwood .....	\$ 3000.00
Appropriation for Old Burying Ground .....	75.00
Appropriation for care of Soldiers Graves .....	150.00
Appropriation from Reserve fund .....	221.45
Appropriation from Perpetual Care fund .....	1310.50
	<b>\$ 4756.95</b>

Bills paid as per Town Accountants report .....	\$ 4756.95
<b>Cemetery Receipts</b>	

Received from sale of lots .....	\$ 835.00
Received from sale of graves .....	145.00
Received from foundations .....	211.50
Received from opening graves .....	359.00
Received from care of lots .....	803.00
Received from repairs on lots .....	96.00
Received from sale of wood .....	57.00
	<b>\$ 3006.50</b>

### PERPETUAL CARE TRUST FUND

Balance January 1st, 1925 .....	\$ 45497.49
Receipts, 1925:	
Deposits to Principal .....	1500.00
Interest received .....	2160.19
	<b>\$ 49157.68</b>
Paid from Perpetual care fund .....	1318.00

Balance January 1st., 1926 .....	\$ 47839.68
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### MATILDA M. DALE CEMETERY TRUST FUND

Balance January 1st., 1925 .....	\$ 43.41
Interest for 1925 .....	1.96
Balance January 1st., 1926 .....	<b>\$ 45.37</b>

Respectfully submitted,

Fred E. Nickerson

Wilfred A. Smith

Simeon C. Fuller

Chas. W. Messer

Geo. R. Barnstead

**Trustees.**

## **Report of the Two Hundredth Anniversary Celebration Committee**

To the Citizens of Stoneham:

Your Committee on the Two Hundredth Anniversary Celebration of the Town of Stoneham, submits the following report:

The celebration was held during the week beginning Sunday, June 14, 1925. For a week prior to that date, the Town was decorated with banners, flags and bunting in and around the Square and along Main Street from Farm Hill to Marble Street and many residences throughout the Town were also decorated by private individuals.

Sunday the 14th was devoted to services at the various churches. The Congregational Church was the headquarters for the "Old Home Week" Committee.

On Wednesday morning, June 17, there was a parade over a mile in length and which was comprised of local, military, patriotic and fraternal organizations, and thirty-one floats. It was the unanimous opinion of the citizens and press that the parade was the finest ever seen in this vicinity.

Late Wednesday afternoon in the natural amphitheatre of Spring Pasture in the Middlesex Fells, just south of Fallon's Farm and west of Bear Hill, was held "The Pageant of Stoneham and Masque of Service" under the direction of Percy Jewett Burrell, a pageant director of national reputation. More than a thousand townspeople took part in the pageant which was witnessed by an audience estimated from three to four thousand. This report does not permit a description of the pageant but the following is taken from the Boston Sunday Globe of June 21:

"It was a splendid performance from beginning to end. Stoneham has produced a pageant of which it might well feel proud, a pageant that told the life history of the town from the Winter's day in 1632 when Gov. John Winthrop and a group of explorers from the Boston settlement discovered Spot Pond—and so named it—down to the present.

It goes back even farther than that, for there is a prologue sketch devoted to the Indians and the Indian life

in the days of Nanepashement, just before the white man came.

There are about 1000 people in the pageant, all townspeople, and they acted and cooperated in a splendid manner. They lived over again the stirring scenes of the past, which link Stoneham, like all the other old New England towns, in a vital way with the events and history of the Nation.

Not the least interesting of the many picturesque features in the pageant are the scenes and incidents which give an insight into the social and community life of Stoneham, all more or less Typical of New England in Colonial and later days."

On Thursday evening, June 18, was held the Two Hundredth Anniversary Banquet at Armory Hall attended by some five hundred of the townspeople.

Representative Lemuel W. Standish was introduced by Luther Hill, Esq. as Toastmaster. Toastmaster Standish called upon the following speakers: George A. Packard, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen; Hon Wilfred A. Lufkin, Collector of the Port of Boston; His Excellency Alvan T. Fuller, Governor of Massachusetts; United States Senator William M. Bulter, Judge Jesse W. Morton, Dr. Burke, Superintendent of Boston Schools, representing Hon. James M. Curley, Mayor of Boston; Hon. William B. Stevens, and Director Percy J. Burrell.

Friday evening was devoted to the Two Hundredth Anniversary entertainment and Ball, held at the Armory. The entertainment was appropriate and an excellent one in every respect and was enjoyed by a large number of the townspeople as was the dancing which consumed the latter part of the evening.

The Pageant was repeated on Saturday afternoon before an attendance estimated at about 3000 and after the Pageant, sports and fireworks took place at the Pomeworth Street Playground. A portion of the sports and fireworks were not completed because of rain and were postponed to a later date and finished before what was considered the largest number of people ever assembled together at any one time in Stoneham.

A statement of the finances of the Anniversary Celebration has been printed in the local press. The Town appropriated \$7000 for the celebration. This was apportioned by your Committee among the various sub-committees, and in no case did a sub-committee exceed its apportionment, but on the other hand each left a balance in the hands of the Town Treasurer, as will appear in the Accountant's report. The expenditures under the

Town appropriation of \$7000 were first approved by the Chairman of the various sub-committees, the Chairman and Secretary of the executive committee, and paid through the Town Treasurer.

The bills of the sub-committee appointed for the Pageant were approved by the sub-committee, Chairman and Secretary, and paid through Frank J. Howell, Treasurer of the Pageant Committee. The Pageant Committee paid to the Town \$190 for the use of the Armory and transferred to the Sports and Fireworks Committee \$250. to help cover loss caused by the heavy rain of June 20, and turned over to the Town as a donation the balance in its hands amounting to \$613.87.

In conclusion your Committee believes that the success of the Two Hundredth Anniversary Celebration has justified the appropriation made by the Town and that the celebration has resulted in a closer unity of its citizens, a growing pride in its past, and will serve as a reminder and incentive to us to do all we can in the future for its welfare.

Annexed hereto and made a part of this report is a list of the sub-committees appointed to assist your Committee in carrying out the plans of the celebration.

Respectfully submitted,

William B. Stevens, Chairman  
Luther Hill, Secretary  
Mrs. Rose K. Coy, Treasurer  
Leander V. Colahan  
James A. Munro  
George A. Packard  
Board of Selectmen  
Thomas F. Kerrigan  
Mrs. Susan E. Newhall  
Lemuel W. Standish  
Miss Priscilla Hinchliffe  
Mrs. Margaret G. Mullaley  
James J. McDonald  
George R. Barnstead  
Mrs. Nellie W. Storey  
Frederick W. Porter  
By Luther Hill, Secretary

#### SUB-COMMITTEES

Finance Committee—Charles W. Tidd, Chairman; Bryan R. Houghton, and Chairmen of the Several Committees.

Reception Committee—Lemuel W. Standish, Chairman; Leander V. Colahan, George A. Packard, James A. Munro, William S.



Folant, William D. Brackett, Mrs. Charlena T. Lamson, J. Alfred Patch, Mrs. Caroline M. Patch, Rev. Henry J. Kilbourn, Mrs. Helen H. Kilbourn, Miss Alice H. Smith, C. Frank Munger, Miss Carrie E. Jones, Miss Lois H. Rickey, Charles A. Owen.

Pageant Committee—Rev. Mont M. Thornburg, Chairman; Mrs. Frances R. Nickerson, Miss Cora E. Dike, Oliver W. Richardson, Miss Ida G. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Lillian M. Hinds, Joseph Butler, Luther Hill, Esq., Mrs. Mary E. Hill, Clifford E. Patten, Miss Ethel B. Davis, Frank J. Gallagher, Miss Helen Fowler, J. Horace Green, Miss Priscilla G. Hinchcliffe, Joseph C. Nickerson, Frederick W. Porter, Mrs. Charlena T. Lamson, Mrs. Ida Nickerson, Mrs. Nellie K. Patch.

Parade Committee—Charles F. Buck, Chairman; Mrs. Florence S. Buck, Thomas F. Kerrigan, George A. Packard, Mrs. Susan E. Newhall, James J. McDonald, Esq., Mrs. Helen W. Stockwell, Thomas E. McKenna, James A. McDonough, Charles J. Emerson, George E. Bell, Rev. Daniel R. Moynihan, Claude E. Patch, Rev. Mont M. Thornburg, Mrs. Ida B. Nickerson, Mrs. Ora H. Bingham, Albert N. Aldrich.

Banquet Committee—Luther Hill, Esq., Chairman; Miss Martha Scally, Ralph R. Patch, George E. Merrifield, Mrs. Margaret T. Mullaley, Mrs. Nellie R. Storey, Mrs. Rose K. Coy, Erle R. White, Willard C. Day, Mrs. Mary E. Cogan, Lemuel W. Standish, Herman W. Parker, Frank J. Howell, Mrs. Carrie A. Hamlin, Joseph Storey.

Sports and Fireworks Committee—Arthur N. Newhall, Chairman; George R. Barnstead, Herbert H. Richardson, Esq., James A. Munro, James J. McDonald, Esq., Frank B. Hamill, Raymond S. Morrill, Frederick A. Campbell, T. Arthur Pettengill, George G. Graham, Joseph H. Blinn, Daniel P. Hurld.

Music Committee—Benjamin J. Hinds, Chairman; Fred E. Nickerson, Mrs. Edna L. Brannen, Miss Beulah H. Linscott, Rev. Percival J. Quill, Miss Beatrice A. Cogan, Miss Mabel B. Wilson, Henry A. Buell, Miss Alice E. Fedigan.

Publicity and Souvenir Committee—Fred A. Lawson, Chairman; George R. Barnstead, Lemuel W. Standish, Miss Ida G. Fitzgerald, Miss Alice V. Peyton, Frank J. Gallagher, Mrs. Nellie K. Patch, Mrs. Rose K. Coy.

Decoration Committee—Winfred Dike, Chairman; Miss Priscilla G. Hinchcliffe, Col. Duncan M. Stewart, Mrs. Lizzie E. Ireland, Mrs. Gertrude E. Stengel, Ralph R. Patch, George A. Hinchcliffe, Fred H. Chase, Edward L. Strobel, John H. Hinkley, Myron P. Peffers, Esq.

Concert and Ball Committee—Thomas F. Kerrigan, Chairman; Harold C. Schumann, George H. Cogan, George A. Packard, Arthur

J. Smith, Dr. William S. Coy, Emil W. Schaefer, Mrs. Margaret T. Mullaley, George G. Graham, James J. McDonald, William A. Brooks, Miss Katherine M. Fox, Elbert R. Boyd, Erle R. White, Frank A. Munger, Mrs. James G. Wallace, James S. Wallace, William O. Richardson, T. Arthur Ireland, Mrs. T. Arthur Ireland, Jesse Harding, Mrs. Jesse Harding, Thomas Cahill, Mrs. Frank E. Learned, Mrs. John C. Jensen, Mrs. Walter E. Jewett, Mrs. Homer W. Davis.

## **Report of the Overseers of the Poor**

To the Citizens of Stoneham;

The annual report of the Overseers for the year is herewith submitted:

At a meeting of the overseers held March 4th, 1925, they organized as follows: Sidney A. Hill, Chairman; Wilder C. Moulton, Clerk; Charles H. Carr, Secretary. The following appointments were made: George W. Nickerson, M. D., Town Physician; William H. Rolfe, Warden; and Mrs. Gertrude Rolfe, Matron at the Town Home.

The Overseers have changed the name Town Farm to Stoneham Town Home which we think is a great improvement. We have made some repairs in the house so that the buildings are in very good condition, but there should be some more done this year to keep them in good shape. At the present time there are 14 inmates, their average age is 70.8 years. All of them seem to be contented and speak very highly of the care they receive. Mrs. Rolfe seems to be especially fitted for the position. Mr. Rolfe has cultivated the land quite extensively and is getting it into a good state of cultivation. He has raised some very good crops this year.

Beginning in the Fall the ministers of the different churches have cooperated with us, and are taking turns in holding services every Sunday afternoon which are well attended and enjoyed by the inmates.

### **Inventory at Town Home**

Main House .....	\$18,000.00
Barn .....	5,000.00
Out Buildings .....	1,500.00
Land, 17 Acres .....	6,000.00
Contents of House .....	1,113.90
Contents of Barn, (Livestock) ..	1,275.00
Farm Implements .....	1,694.00
	\$34,582.90

## OUTSIDE AID

During the year we have had a large number of calls for assistance. We have investigated all of them and given aid wherever it was needed. As in years past the churches and charitable organizations have been of great assistance to us; also the New England Sanitarium has helped us, both in caring for the sick and in gifts to the needy, all of which we greatly appreciate.

The Board wishes to thank all persons and organizations who have cooperated with us during the year.

For the Financial Report we refer to the report of the Town Accountant.

Respectfully submitted,

Sidney A. Hill

Wilder C. Moulton

Charles H. Carr

Overseers of the Poor.

## REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD FOR THE YEAR 1925

Our Zoning By-Law and the question of playgrounds have taken most of the time and thought of the Planning Board during the year. We have carefully watched the working out of the Zoning By-Law in order that we may suggest any changes that should be made either to make it less restrictive where possible or more restrictive if necessary. Several amendments will be proposed in articles to be inserted in the warrant for our annual town meeting. These proposed amendments will be discussed in detail at that time.

In July the Selectmen referred to the Planning Board for consideration and report a number of proposed amendments to the Zoning By-Law which were to be acted upon at a special town meeting.

One of these was to create a retail business district on Main Street between Benton and Marble Streets. It was the opinion of the board that this corner should eventually be included in the retail district. In view of the obligations assumed by the owner of the property, before the Zoning By-Law became effective, for erection of a block of stores, we felt that the town was under obligation to make some arrangement whereby the building could be built at once. It then became a question of how such an

arrangement could be made with safeguards to the interests of the town.

As the traffic conditions at this corner are serious it was the opinion of the Planning Board that Main Street should be widened at this point. On consultation with the State Highway Commission they expressed the opinion that the street should be widened at once at this point and that eventually the entire Main Street should be widened.

Our board arranged with Mr. Segel to deed to the town a strip of land five feet wide on Main Street and enough more land to provide for rounding the corner.

The building was set back five feet. Articles will be inserted in the warrant for the town to accept this land and complete the arrangements for widening the street. We hope the generous action of Mr. Segal in this case may serve as a precedent for the future.

The opinion of the board was asked and suggestions given for the modification of the layout on a proposed real estate development.

We feel that the Zoning By-Law has proved to be of benefit to the town already, but that greater benefits will come as the years pass. We believe it should be modified from time to time to meet changing conditions, in order to allow those who have held property a good many years as much freedom as possible in its development, with due regard to the interests of all our citizens.

We have held a joint meeting with the Board of Appeal in order that we might learn from them any weak spots in the By-Law which may have been brought to light in its enforcement. We have also held joint meetings with the Playground committee.

Respectfully submitted

Luther Hill, Chairman

Grace E. Chapman

Rose K. Coy

Hugh Hamill

Harold Hayward

Charles W. Messer

Frances Nickerson

Robert A. Newcomb

Ralph R. Patch

Albert P. Rounds

Willie H. White

Clifford E. Patten

Planning Board.

## MARRIAGES

DATE MARRIED AT	NAME	RESIDENCE
Jan.		
1 Stoneham	Donald H. Maxham	Worcester, Vt.
	Mildred F. Porter	Stoneham
1 Stoneham	Ralph H. Coffill	Stoneham
	Louise E. French	Stoneham
4 Stoneham	James Karkamazos	Cambridge
	Maria Kanelopoulos	Stoneham
9 Stoneham	George A. Bowman	Malden
	Marion A. Goodale	Stoneham
15 Reading	Joseph W. Flynn	Stoneham
	Mary E. Frotten	Reading
25 Boston	Ignazio Colombo	Boston
	Giuseppina Messinese	Stoneham
28 Danvers	Sterling E. Hicks	Stoneham
	Mabel G. Mann	Somerville
29 Stoneham	Harold M. MacAnanny	Melrose
	Constance Coffin	Stoneham
Feb.		
1 Medford	John H. Lundin	Medford
	Marjorie Howard	Stoneham
1 Stoneham	Arthur L. Cole	Cambridge
	Anora M. Sweet	Stoneham
2 Malden	Charles T. Bent	Stoneham
	Beatrice Murray	Stoneham
2 Stoneham	John W. Biggio	Stoneham
	Marcella Zennaro	Stoneham
9 Winchendon	Harold P. Folson	Stoneham
	Lillian Whittemore	Winchendon
22 Woburn	Albert I. Sumner	Stoneham
	Marguerite Nolan	Woburn
22 Wakefield	William D. Muse	Stoneham
	Jennie R. Dulong	Wakefield
23 Stoneham	Michael Gavin	Stoneham
	Pauline Shallow	Stoneham
24 Wakefield	Bernard A. MacKenna	Stoneham
	Mary T. O'Leary	Wakefield
25 Stoneham	Eugene J. Sullivan	Whitman
	Mary G. Howard	Stoneham



## MARRIAGES

DATE MARRIED AT	NAME	RESIDENCE
<b>Mar.</b>		
13 Stoneham	Samuel E. Lunden	Brookline
	Leila B. Allen	Stoneham
21 Worcester	Issac D. Gough	Stoneham
	Harriett Williamson	Cambridge
<b>Apr.</b>		
19 Woburn	Norman C. Snow	Woburn
	Margaret Gammons	Stoneham
19 Stoneham	James F. Mahoney	Stoneham
	Lulu A. Mann	Stoneham
20 Stoneham	Joseph H. Townsend	Montreal, P. Q.
	Kennetha M. Ware	Stoneham
25 Strafford N. H.	Dustin L. Downs	Stoneham
	Olga E. Roy	Malden
25 Nashua, N. H.	Ralph Wilson	Reading
	Edith Anderson	Stoneham
27 Stoneham	Augutin d'Entremont	Stoneham
	Regina O. Deon	Stoneham
<b>May</b>		
1 Stoneham	Arthur J. Aylward	Lynn
	Mary B. Sweet	Stoneham
5 Stoneham	Roupen S. Garabedian	Stoneham
	Marian A. Adzigian	Stoneham
7 Stoneham	James Scenna	Melrose
	Pauline Colloton	Everett
15 Stoneham	Charles S. Taylor	Stoneham
	Julia J. Conley	Stoneham
17 Stoneham	Earle M. Towne	Essex
	Ruth E. Eaton	Essex
20 Stoneham	James J. Burns Jr.	Greenfield
	Anna J. Smith	Boston
22 Stoneham	Everett T. Lord	Stoneham
	Edna K. Cole	Stoneham
28 Melrose	Rogette D. Earle	Danvers
	Harriett Evitts	Stoneham
28 Stoneham	John E. Tredinnick	Wakefield
	Ethel I. Harper	Stoneham
30 Somerville	Frederick Horsman	Boston
	Mildred Manwiller	Stoneham
30 Stoneham	Warren E. Mesler	New Bedford
	Orpha J. Kilbourn	New Bedford

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DATE MARRIED AT	NAME	RESIDENCE
June		
1 Stoneham	Edward F. Bourgeau Jr.	Stoneham
	Margaret Reynolds	Stoneham
1 Melrose	Edward G. Barrett	Stoneham
	Bertha L. Priest	Auburn, Me.
5 Woburn	Stephen A. Abbott	Stoneham
	Beryle G. Archer	Woburn
7 Malden	Frederick F. Cogan	Stoneham
	Helen I. Grady	Medford
10 Haverhill	Frank W. Price	Stoneham
	Hazel E. Gammon	Haverhill
10 Boston	George E. Saunders	Woburn
	Bertha P. Yancey	Stoneham
10 Nashua, N. H.	Bernard L. Hamill	Stoneham
	Elizabeth Feeney	Brockton
18 Quincy	Edgar W. Emery	Stoneham
	Josephine Torrey	Quincy
20 Wakefield	Albert R. Kenney	Stoneham
	Marion E. Duffie	Wakefield
22 Woburn	Victor M. Lundquist	Woburn
	Ruth D. Olson	Stoneham
29 Stoneham	Arthur N. Mackay	Woburn
	Elva E. Brundage	Stoneham
30 Walfleet	Irving S. Coffin	Stoneham
	Tillie A. Baker	Boston
July		
18 Melrose	George W. Abbott	Wakefield
	Effie M. Buxton	Stoneham
18 Stoneham	Wilfred J. Gagne	Malden
	Margaret G. Doherty	Stoneham
19 Boston	John K. Melkonian	Stoneham
	Virginia Nazarian	E. Boston
22 Waltham	Clifford W. Grant	Stoneham
	Linda M. Bartlett	Waltham
23 Stoneham	Thomas H. Daw	Melrose
	Marie L. Roy	Melrose
26 Stoneham	Raymond W. Ashley	Bristol, Conn.
	Ivas M. Nichol	Berlin, N. H.
August		
2 Stoneham	Malcolm H. Young	Stoneham
	Abbie M. Jeffery	Stoneham

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DATE MARRIED AT	NAME	RESIDENCE
3 Provincetown	Edward F. White	Stoneham
	Gertrude E. McGuire	Provincetown
6 Stoneham	John A. Georges	Peekskill, N. Y.
	Rose A. Marchacos	Peekskill, N. Y.
14 Manchester, N. H.	Alfred E. Carpi	Stoneham
	Lena F. Winterer	Manchester, N. H.
19 Stoneham	Herbert E. Frech	Boston
	Alice L. Whitney	Boston
23 Stoneham	William S. McGah	Stoneham
	Nellie M. Hardy	Stoneham
25 Stoneham	Everett Cardona	Malden
	Anna Grace	Quincy
30 Medford	Edward L. Abbott	Stoneham
	Emma A. Rock	Medford
30 Stoneham	Clarence Pearl	Revere
	Mildred C. Hood	Revere

Sept.

1 Melrose	Albert P. Stewart	Melrose
	Viola L. Allen	Stoneham
5 Stoneham	Walter W. Johnson	Stoneham
	Hazel F. Colley	Stoneham
5 Malden	Norman C. Alden	Stoneham
	Marguerite Farmer	Malden
6 Stoneham	Frank W. Jackson	Stoneham
	Florence E. Schofield	Stoneham
7 Lowell	Philip G. Bryson	Woburn
	Minnie G. Evans	Stoneham
7 Stoneham	Russell F. Parker	Stoneham
	Ruth A. Paton	Lowell
10 Stoneham	Arthur Tarbox	Woburn
	Ingrid Lovendale	Woburn
17 Woburn	Adolph C. Farr	Stoneham
	Maude M. Dwyer	Woburn
19 Stoneham	Harold C. Black	Melrose
	Francis E. Smith	Stoneham
20 Stoneham	Mario Marzino	Dorchester
	Marie N. Margioto	Stoneham
25 Stoneham	Laurence R. Kidger	Stoneham
	Caroline J. Fitzgerald	Stoneham
27 Winchester	Benjamin Wilson	Stoneham
	Temperance Campbell	Stoneham

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DATE MARRIED AT	NAME	RESIDENCE
Oct.		
1 New Bedford	Alfred H. Corning	Stoneham
	Irene J. Wing	Boston
8 Woburn	Ernest F. Swett	Antrim, N. H.
	Margaret A. McHale	Stoneham
8 Boston	Charles Blockel	Stoneham
	Lillian M. Coulter	Boston
10 Stoneham	Albert T. MacHenry	Melrose
	Delia M. Richardson	Stoneham
10 Stoneham	Leonard F. Patridge	Stoneham
	Lucy M. Carr	Stoneham
17 Stoneham	John E. Caldwell	Winchester
	Dora R. Hay	Stoneham
17 Stoneham	Burton S. Raymond	Attleboro
	Martha I. Johnson	Attleboro
28 Stoneham	John R. Northrup	Everett
	Arvilla V. Sharp	Stoneham
31 Stoneham	Raymond H. Gorman	Stoneham
	Blanche C. O'Neill	Stoneham
Nov.		
1 Boston	Ernest E. Dawe	Boston
	Margery L. Fratus	Stoneham
10 Chelsea	Thomas H. Babine	Stoneham
	Rose DeCost	Chelsea
21 Stoneham	Milton Thomas	Providence, R. I.
	Mary T. Nicolazzo	Stoneham
25 Brockton	Loyed S. Woodland	Stoneham
	Julia M. Bulter	Brockton
25 Stoneham	Edward F. Bates	Stoneham
	Helen E. McKenna	Stoneham
26 Stoneham	Francis H. Forest	Stoneham
	Hazel E. Aldrich	Stoneham
26 Dedham	Frederick A. Uvezian	Stoneham
	Antoinette Massarelli	Dedham
26 Stoneham	William P. Weston	Pembroke
	Florence W. Ells	Hanover
Dec.		
30 Stoneham	Douglas P. Doucette	Reading
	Gertrude D. Meuse	Stoneham

## BIRTHS

DATE	NAME	PARENTS
Jan.		
2	James Edwin Doucette	John J. and Celilia F.
2	James Ferris King	Harold A. and Margaret F.
4	Sherley Constance Burke	Edward T. and Mary K.
4	Francis Thomas Agnone	Frank C. and Mary G.
4	Zoa Mae Cutts	Winthrop R. and Hazel H.
6	Albert Joseph Sullivan	Eugene F. and Grace S.
7	Norman Francis Peters	Clinton F. and Lillian M.
10	Roupen Avakian	Richard and Adrian M.
14	Alfred Curtis Bryant	Lenord M. and Lillian N.
15	Wilfred Leo Dugas	Wilfred J. and Elizabeth L.
15	Anna Elizabeth Benson	Bengt W. and Esther P.
15	Albion Dutton Weeks	Ralph and Zella I.
16	Maynard Emerson Foss	Ralph P. and Evelyn E.
17	Lorraine Patricia Young	Earl H. and Lillian R.
18	Robert F. Cullington	Victor E. and Marion S.
19	William Daniel Muller Jr.	William D. and Thelma A.
22	Philip Mack	Phillip A. and Margaret E.
22	Erma Ruth Landers	Patrick B. and Nellie K.
22	Patricia Lill	William J. and Louise A.
25	Beatrice Edith Patten	Clifford E. and Marie C.
27	Cecil James Ells	James C. and Nita B.
Feb.		
1	Helen Margaret Gates	George R. and Audrey M.
2	Muriel Barbara Stone	Raymond L. and Hazel K.
3	Frances Elizabeth Doyle	Charles T. and Agnes E.
4	Dwight Wilson Schumann	Harold C. and Eva M.
5	Clarence Emery Knight	Clarence E. and Elsie H.
6	Thomas Jefferson Munn	Otis and Annabell S.
9	Muriel Louise Chase	Chester I. and Louise V.
10	Edna Thelma Wilmot	Bernard J. and Florence L.
11	Paul Fillmore	Erving W. and Catherine T.
12	Richard Kennedy	John F. and Marguerite L.
12	Carmela Delucia	Louis and Mary G.
13	Helen Arline Martin	Finlay and Mildred W.
14	Ralph Edward Hiltz	Arthur St. C. and Mary B.
15	William Thomas Thompson Jr.	William T. and Velma G.



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DATE	NAME	PARENTS
17	Charles Berchman Sheridan	Charles B. and Dorothy E.
18	Robert Joseph Lannon	Cornelius J. and Doris L.
20	Leon Russell Warren	Daniel Edward and Florence M.
21	Ruth Louise MacPhee	Leonard A. and Kathleen M.
21	Francis Ignatius Geremonte	Joseph and Constanti M.
21	Thomas Butler Irwin	Charles T. Josepha M.
22	Georgeana Martha Ferry	Dennis and Lena B.
24	Barbara Louise Wheeler	Daniel R. and Mildred L.
25	Barbara Elizabeth Poole	Charles H. and Grace M.
26	Mary Nelsie Surrette	Alexander and Edith M.
28	Philip James Walsh	Michael J. and Margaret F.
Mar.		
4	George Francis Cogan	George F. and Sara C.
4	Ruth Edith Ashby	William G. and Sadie B.
6	Robert E. Moore	Robert E. and Jeane S.
7	George Richards Jr.	George and Anna C.
8	Patricia May Raymond	Arthur and Pauline
10	Constance Maude MacAnanny	Harold and Constance C.
11	Dorothy Louise Walton	Xenophon P. and Alice L.
12	Eleanor Mesinese	John and Rose G.
16	Mary Louise Bowen	Leo N. and Margaret C.
16	Leo Nicholas Bowen Jr.	Leo N. and Margaret C.
16	John Sullivan	John James and Gertrude D.
16	Jean Mildred Page	Sherwood and Frances E.
18	Robert Coleman Richdale	James C. and Beatrice S.
21	Pauline Ruth Wilby	William L. and Ethel C.
21	William Scott Henry Jr.	William S. and Hilda M.
22	William Alphonsus Doherty	William A. and Mary Esther
23	Charles Joseph Burns	Arthur E. and Annie K.
23	Daniel Patrick Hurd Jr.	Daniel P. and Margaret C.
24	Ellen Ruth Miles	Carrol H. and Grace H.
24	Clara Elizabeth O'Connell	John W. and Ellen B.
25	Maragret Mary d'Entremont	Henry E. and Henrietta A.
25	Virginia Belle Hadley	Guy D. and Violet V.
25	John David Muse	James A. and Anna Josephine
25	Franklin Delano Bernhardt	Charles and Alice V.
25	Earle Loring Kenney	Charles E. and Bertha P.
25	Richard Evans Wilkinson	Robert E. and Edna M.
27	Millard Guy Trombetta Jr.	Millard G. and Marion F.
28	Marion Barbara Bruce	Ira I. and Mabel L.
30	Robert Thayer Jr.	Robert and Elizabeth B.
31	Ann Helen Meehan	Francis C. and Anne M.

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DATE	NAME	PARENTS
31	Vincent Carbarretta	Gaspar and Frances V.
Apr.		
1	Alberta Clare Dodge	Albert C. and Mary J.
2	Charlotte Grace Thompson	Roscoe L. and Cora B.
3	Marjorie Rebecca Severance	Clyde H. and Catherine M.
4	Ruby Hilda Meister	Peter A. and Mildred W.
5	Jean Douglas McCormack	James and Olive J.
8	Angela Laudazi	Lawrence and Susan G.
8	Ernest Micheal Asci	Antonia and Angelina B.
11	Richard Burke Fahlman	John R. and Hilda A.
12	Frank Wolcott Holt	Grant J. and Thresa M.
16	Audrey Lucille Morse	Harold D. and Hazel G.
16	Janice Egan	Leonard W. and Josephine E.
20	Raymond Wendell Anderson	John D. and Mildred E.
22	Loraine Dorothea Hede	Carl O. and Selma M.
22	Theresa Regina Brady	Patrick H. and Elvira F.
23	Mary Francis Hynes	Edwin J. and Caroline C.
24	Dorothy Paulena Lawson	John P. and Annie L.
26	Beverly Ruth Mahn	Herbert A. and Edith M.
27	Katheryne Siebert	George P. and Marguerite K.
28	Peter Stone	Allen D. and Helen C.
28	Martin Jenkins Lawrence Jr.	Martin and Addie M.
May		
1	George Robert Lange	George A. and Mabel J.
5	Mary Elizabeth Landers	Garrett and Mary
7	James Frank Foley Jr.	James F. and Mary J.
8	Marion Alice Decker	Ralph E. and Minnie A.
9	Dorothy E. Saxby	Orvis H. and Helen R.
9	William Harold McDermott	Harold J. and Mabel J.
16	Mary Elizabeth Doyle	George A. and Margaret M.
17	Richard Lewis Evans	Wilson L. and Mildred F.
17	Gloria Jean Rogovin	Maurice and Clara F.
19	Karelitz	Alter and Regina M.
20	Alice Howes	Alwyne C. and Margaret A.
20	Wesley Francis Riley	Thomas A. and Anna A.
20	Otis Wingate Munn	Otis W. and Annabelle S.
24	William Francis Maguire	William F. and Eva M.
24	Virginia Alberta Mollins	William E. and Beatrice O.
24	Charles Hunter Kerrigan	Joseph H. and Mary B.
28	Lucas	Donald H. and Gwendolyn B.
28	Lucas	Donald H. and Gwendolyn B.
30	Mary Elizabeth Kelly	Thomas E. and Mary C.

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DATE	NAME	PARENTS
30	Dorothea Francis O'Melia	Thomas F. and Minnie S.
31	Beatrice Alberta Tyler	Elmer W. and Alberta E.
31	Arthur Edward Outram Jr.	Arthur E. and Grace E.
31	Coombs	Wilner P. and Hester L.
June		
2	Robert Ernest Howes	George H. and Ada S.
3	Hazelle Bernice Hulst	Cornelius and Hazelle B.
5	Donald Vincent Drew	Edmund F. and Lillian M.
6	Gertrude Genevieve Qualter	William H. and Elizabeth S.
6	Marcia Eleanor Wells	Lewis F. and Helen L.
6	Doris Frances Crannan	Harold F. and Elsie N.
7	Jeanette Louise Bosch	Louis H. and Anna H.
8	Maxine Ruth Glassman	Maurice L. and Isabelle G.
9	June Ruth Thomas	Otto L. and Eva M.
10	Patricia Ruth Hanglin	Joseph E. and Marion E.
15	Mary Elizabeth Roach	William J. and Mary E.
16	Dorothy Gertrude Parsons	George W. and Gertrude A.
16	Lois Evelyn Leighton	Richard E. and Adelaide M.
16	Hills	Alden M. and Edith F.
17	Robert James Chase	James I. and Mary A.
18	Sally Lamson	Stewart T. and Dorothy S.
19	Marie Frances Gramstorff	George H. and Josephine M.
19	Ruth Harrington	Edward J. and Mary A.
20	Priscilla Deon	James A. and Eva M.
21	Chester Savage	Jacob and Rose F.
24	Jane Davenport Dewhurst	Dwight D. and Laura M.
25	Carl Wilson	Christian C. and Mary V.
27	Irvington Lucien Kimpton, Jr.	Irving L. and Harriett M.
27	Cooke	William B. and Leona H.
27	Robert Cowie Kinnear	Fred E. and Helen P.
29	Roland Lee Porter	Roland L. and Mabel S.
29	Sherlie Mae Ringland	John H. and Ruth E.
July		
1	Richard Dana Gagnon	Arthur D. and Eva M.
3	Curtis Gardner Browne	Percy A. and Edna M.
5	Anthony Mustone	Joseph and Camillo M.
8	Catherine Fay Ashley	Raymond W. and Ivas M.
8	Emily Ruth McRae	Herbert R. and Elizabeth P.
10	Jean Colette Place	Carl C. and Mabel C.
13	Kenneth Russell Holden	Leon B. and Grace I.
14	Elizabeth Frances Hubbard	Murray L. and Mary M.
15	Willis Edward Hebb	Merle W. and Catherine W.

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DATE	NAME	PARENTS
19	Edward Taber McFarlin, Jr.	Edward T. and Margaret E.
23	Winnifred Mary Manley	Francis E. and Winnifred C.
24	Marjorie Gay	William H. and Mary E.
24	Clari Elizabeth Allin	William M. and Mary A.
25	Rachel Berry Dodge	James J. and Grace E.
25	Grace Devir	Wayne C. and Annie E.
30	Patricia D. Armstrong	William and Catherine S.
Aug.		
1	Marjorie Mae Olsen	Thomas O. and Ethel M.
5	Francis Callahan	Patrick J. and Sadie L.
10	Betty Jane Harmon	Elmer H. and Harriette B.
13	Audrey Beatrice Jordan	Raymond G. and Mary E.
15	Priscilla Hope Burrill	Thomas L. and Mildred R.
15	Thornton Towle Miller	Horace E. and Mary B.
15	Franklin Ronald Thurlow	Ronald E. and Isabelle G.
17	Sherley Louise Walker	Donald and Helen M.
18	Joseph Kelley	Edmund E. and Annie M.
19	Dorothy Mae Whidden	Edward P. and Dorothy M.
22	Edwin Bruce Wood, Jr.	Edwin B. and Elizabeth C.
23	Stavros C. Athanasopoulos	Constantinos and Panagrotos
25	Paul Richard Johnson	Nils P. and Lillian L.
27	Horace Frederick Smith	Horace E. and Elizabeth G.
27	Alfred Schofield Blackburn	Alfred S. and Edith M.
29	Claire Elizabeth Beganson	Raymond C. and Marion R.
30	Foote	Ward and Beulah S.
31	Carl Chandler Robbins, Jr.	Carl C. and Lottie L.
31	Daniel Conley	Edward J. and Margaret T.
Sept.		
1	Carl Edmond Becker	Edmond J. and Margaretha C.
3	Joseph Arthur Longmore	Warren H. and Alice R.
3	Elizabeth Charlon Noyes	Verne A. and Susie K.
4	Polly Wilder Pierce	Edward F. and Barbara M.
6	Ruth Mary St. Amand	George F. and Mabel M.
7	Herbert Frank Kline	Isidore and Minnie B.
7	Blanch Elizabeth Pattie	Alphonso J. and Elizabeth M.
10	John McCarty	John H. and Katherine F.
12	Charles Alfred Bishop, Jr.	Charles A. and Agnes B.
12	Jean Marie McIntire	William F. and Yvonne E.
13	Paul Wesley Mitchell	Herbert G. and Mabel E.
17	Grayson Robert Carey	Arnold G. and Mildred R.
17	Edwina Marie Mansfield	Kenneth M. and Edwina M.
20	Robert Ellison Bobst	Walter R. and Augusta L.

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DATE	NAME	PARENTS
20	Maurice Hillson	David and Bessie R.
22	Clifford Grosvenor Shirley	John S. and Winnifred M.
22	William Albert Stevens	William A. and Amy E.
24	Norman Ellsworth Leathe	Frank L. and Ruth L.
26	Ruth Frances Mahoney	James F. and Lulu A.
26	Patricia Frances Prendergast	Frank M. and Dorothy J.
30	Charles Otis Lytle	Charles O. and Nancy E.
Oct.		
1	Salvatore Valente	Paul and Mary R.
2	Lorian Alberta Smith	John L. and Virginia N.
2	John Bradford Sullivan	Dennis P. and Myrtle G.
4	Charles Rocheleau	George and Mary H.
5	Sylvia Iris Rosenberg	Samuel and Mollie L.
6	John David Kenney	Arthur D. and Mary K.
8	Shirley Ruth Cantor	Sam and Celia G.
9	Walter Hopkins Armstrong	Paul S. and Gene E.
13	Emily Mariner Price	Adelbert B. and Clara G.
13	Elizabeth Foote	Frank and Margaret F.
13	Deane Ernest Smith	Frederick M. and Esther E.
13	David Eli Mason	Eli S. and Hazel M.
16	Bourgeau	Daniel I. and Eva M.
20	George Beuttel Bailey	George B. and Edith I.
25	Lucile Dorothy Waller	Frederick R. and Mable C.
26	Carroll Mary Downing	Franklin R. and Pauline M.
30	Shirley Louise Evans	Frederick G. and Charlotte E.
31	Gordon MacDonald Sterling	George W. and Florence V.
Nov.		
1	Elizabeth Rogers Beach Holt	Clarence G. and Mayatha M.
1	Shirley Ann Flynn	Joseph W. and Mary E.
1	Arleen Louise Parks	Tremaine E. and Bessie O.
3	Theodore Paul Utt	Charles D. and Miriam E.
5	Priscilla Genevieve Bartavian	Gregory and Vera M.
6	Pauline Helen Farslind	Ivar E. and Helen J.
9	Charlotte Phylis Mendelson	William and Edith S.
10	Louise Teresa Davis	Frederick W. and Agnes I.
10	Arline Ruth Goldstein	Henry and Marion L.
11	Richard Edward Hodgson, Jr.	Richard E. and Viola A.
12	Edward Constant d'Entremont	Edward C. and Victoria E.
13	Charles Douglas Hicks	Sterling E. and Mabel G.
13	Irving Eric Olson	Olaf and Irva W.
13	Barbara Edith Fisher	Raymond I. and Edith B.
16	Leslie Wilbur Van Tassell	James H. and Agnes H.



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DATE	NAME	PARENTS
16	Alice Ammerson Van Tassell	James H. and Agnes H.
17	Katherine M. Daly	Carl F. and Julia M.
17	David Perkins	Eaton H. and Elizabeth M.
22	Julia Cecile Koprek	Adam and Josephine R.
22	Eleanor Lois Ruggles	Harold V. and Mary L.
23	Chester Borden Page	Roland H. and Ivy M.
27	David Leroy Young	Leroy F. and Ruby C.
29	Richard Leslie Stevens	Eugene L. and Maude E.
Dec.		
1	Robert Tracey	James F. and Gertrude L.
1	Ronald Hugh Davis	Hugh D. and Alice F.
2	William Henry Cameron	James and Catherine M.
5	Lester Vincent Falt	Murray L. and Gertrude F.
8	William Lawrence Mellett	Harry W. and Ivy H.
9	Donald Stewart Holden	Winifred H. and Mildred A.
12	Leola Clifford Torrey	Harry F. and Leola M.
14	Frank Wentworth Jackson, Jr.	Frank W. and Florence E.
18	Andree Flore Goepfert	Joseph and Berthe L.
25	Louise Thelma Girard	James L. and Mabel A.
23	Eiline Marie Baxter	John W. and Evelyn F.
27	Ralph Knudsen	Niels and Inger B.
28	Eloise Mildred Conant	Phillip W. and Mildred S.
30	Steele	Harry C. and Cressida G.
31	Muse	Levi S. and Fannie D.

## DEATHS

DATE	NAME	YRS	MOS	DAYS
Jan.				
6	Maria Elizabeth Sherman	86	4	7
6	Jennie M. Whiston	47	4	29
8	Isaac William Hanson	72		7
8	Mary Abbie Perkins	77	2	27
10	William Bent	29	7	25
13	Ida Delight Farnsworth	62	1	5
16	Maynard Foss			
23	Russell Bain		8	28
24	Henry A. Morin	63	5	23
29	Caroline Augusta Bartlett	90	2	27
Feb.				
1	Eunice Abbie Wolcott	92	4	19
2	Helen Margaret Gates			1
3	Hannah Abbie Hersam	85		24
5	Owen Kenney	79	7	
9	Mary Elizabeth Doyle	68	1	9
12	John A. Loring	9	2	23
15	Edward Emerson	73	2	16
22	Sarah Arilla Weston	79	5	6
22	Ernest L. Gray	35		
23	Dora Lorrey	46	3	13
25	Ethel Maud Burdick	52	4	11
Mar.				
1	Benjamin Reeves	55		
1	Anna Batcheller	69	9	9
4	Ann R. Craig	78		
7	Flora E. Haines	79	10	10
10	Catherine Agnes Murnane	26		
10	Hazel Margaret Kehoe	13	5	25
12	William Eustis Weston	84	6	9
14	Priscilla Edna Pickens	1	1	25
19	Charles N. Fairbairn	69	10	3
19	Bowen			3
21	Julia Wilson Skaling	41		5
25	Alice V. Bernhardt	28	2	28

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DATE	NAME	YRS	MOS	DAYS
27	Bernhardt			2
27	Mariah Hening Prouty	67	2	10
28	Alice Evelyn Morrissey	38	3	11
30	Nelson A. Jefts	57	10	1
31	Vingezina Arnone	96		
Apr.				
2	Frank W. Johnson	72	11	26
3	John Nelson	61		
3	Martha Walters	77	8	26
3	Eleanor Barbara Outram		9	15
5	Aurelia Ann Rhodes	83	5	21
7	Esther Krikor Melkonian	55	2	6
8	Baby Brundage			
9	Ella B. Brundage	37	2	17
10	Ellen Elizabeth Dean	82	7	23
11	Helena M. Brooks	61		
12	Michael J. Burns	43		
13	Mary Joslin	59	9	28
25	Mary Ellen Wilkins	74	9	12
25	Robert Anderson	70	8	16
26	William Moody Cummings	60	2	18
27	Katheryne Siebert			
28	Hattie C. Johnson	54	2	11
28	Clarence E. Clemson	53		14
29	John S. Gilmore	82	11	6
May				
3	Mary Elizabeth Morton	60	7	15
6	Fred E. Kerns	57		
9	Herman C. Teele	65		
10	George H. Reynolds	55	5	
11	Patience Thorndike Hardy	83	6	25
11	William Thomas	52	10	16
12	Lillian Bertha Bowman	66		7
14	Ida May Kennedy	41	6	13
18	John M. Boag	79		
19	Karlitz			
22	Fred S. Fall	68	9	25
24	Lyman David Adams	77	4	26
28	Lucas (Twins)			
29	Melissa Jane Leslie	53		28
30	Earl Kenny		2	4

DEATHS			
DATE	NAME	YRS	MOS DAYS
June			
4	Robert C. Atkinson	68	
13	William E. Burgoyne	38	6 8
18	Waldo F. Holden	44	
18	Hills		2
25	Emma J. Currier	61	4 24
26	Thomas Westley Chapman	87	11 11
30	Robert C. Kinnear		3
July			
4	Mary J. Kenney	51	1 17
12	Augusta Fox	72	1 25
15	Mary Euphemia McLean	61	6 15
17	Keith Burke	25	11 12
17	Susan Cutts	76	9 9
17	Emma Louise Stone	82	3 18
20	Dorothy Ann Thorne		11
31	Clarence Wayland Arnold	71	11 9
August			
1	Susan Orillo Smith	72	9 25
3	William John Harris	65	5 18
6	Alfred Doliver	70	2
7	Emmie Clinton Smith	55	11 19
9	Henry Bond	69	1 2
15	Barbara Winifred McCaleb	3	26
17	Zarouhi Kezarjian	2	11 15
17	Susie Smith	53	2 13
18	Kelley		
19	Joseph LaCasse		7
30	Foote		
31	Harold W. Smith	14	8 14
September			
7	Ernest J. Cambridge	68	10 7
9	William Schneider	37	1 13
10	Susan Stevens Eskridge	78	9 20
11	Frank L. Costello	60	
14	Carrie Ames Pretto	59	1 13
16	Julia Darling Steele	65	6 17
26	Wayland W. Elliott	68	
28	Lena E. Lawson	52	2 8
30	Ella Curtis	50	9 5
October			

# DEATHS

DATE	NAME	YRS	MOS	DAYS
4	Patrick Joseph Scanlon	49	5	4
9	Armstrong			
12	Higgins			
14	Sarah Tall Bowser	72	4	13
17	Borgeau			
19	George F. Barton	74	8	26
21	Robert J. Kenney	63	11	7
22	Iretta High Retan	62	11	4
25	Susan Barrett Meredith	83	1	24
29	Jane Davenport Dewhurst		4	5
31	Annie Maria Stillings	75	7	21
November				
1	Arathusa Littlefield	83	11	20
2	Coffill			
4	Henrietta Walker Cannell	76	5	25
5	Anna Shallow	59		
6	John H. Hinckley	67	7	28
8	Aileen Louise Parks			7
9	Dorothy L. Smith	16	8	21
12	Sarah Ann (Hubbard) Sanford	77	9	26
12	Surette			
15	Luman Hartford	85	11	
17	Richard Edward Hodgson Jr.			6
18	Edna Mary Dolan	15	6	20
24	Eunice Brown Riley	74	7	23
24	William J. Millerick	72	2	9
26	Everett Alberta Currier	65	5	23
26	Mary Ann Forrest	77	9	14
December				
2	Delia H. Lahan	67	6	10
20	Elizabeth Foote		2	
21	Kathleen V. Donovan	1	6	
31	Charles Arthur Parker	69	7	15



# REPORT OF TOWN ACCOUNTANT

## RECEIPTS FOR 1925

Cash Balance Jan. 1, 1925	\$	31,601.53
Collector		
Taxes, 1925 .....	\$248,532.65	
Taxes, Previous Years .....	87,542.67	
Assessments, Moth .....	1,656.60	
Assessments, Sewer .....	526.79	
Interest on Taxes .....	3,542.89	
Costs .....	693.65	
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		342,495.25
Treasurer		
Interest on Deposits .....	402.44	
Tax Titles Redeemed .....	3,165.30	
Miscellaneous .....	15.00	
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		3,582.74
Town Clerk		
Marriage Licenses .....	84.00	
Recording Fees .....	155.35	
Clerk's Fees Fish & Game Licenses ..	44.75	
Clerk's Fees Dog Licenses .....	62.60	
Miscellaneous .....	30.05	
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		376.75
Selectmen		
Liquor Licenses .....	1.00	
Junk Licenses .....	100.00	
Pedlars Licenses .....	10.00	
Sunday Licenses .....	170.00	
Pool and Bowling Licenses .....	30.00	
Bus Licenses .....	50.00	
Other Licenses and Permits .....	285.00	
Advertising etc. ....	78.10	
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		724.10
Board of Appeal		
Advertising .....		27.00
Armory Hall:		
Rentals .....		920.00

<b>Police Department</b>		
<b>Court Fines</b> .....		<b>850.00</b>
<b>Fire Department</b>		
Sale of Old Engine .....		<b>125.00</b>
<b>Inspector of Buildings</b>		
Permits .....		<b>135.50</b>
<b>Weights and Measures Dept.</b>		
Sealers Fees .....		<b>43.59</b>
<b>Moth Department</b> .....		<b>83.09</b>
<b>Health Department:</b>		
Milk Licenses .....	34.50	
All Others .....	5.00	
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		39.50
<b>Sewer Department</b>		
Service Connections .....		<b>3,109.08</b>
<b>Highway Department:</b>		
Use of Roller .....	158.00	
Miscellaneous .....	75.68	
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		233.68
<b>Charity Department</b>		
Sale of Produce .....	1,985.17	
Board .....	376.00	
Other Farm Receipts .....	130.43	
Temporary Aid, Other Towns & Cities	1,843.87	
Temporary Aid State .....	795.15	
Mothers Aid State .....	1,008.34	
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		6,138.96
<b>Soldiers Benefits</b>		
State Aid .....	1,020.50	
Military Aid ..	200.50	
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		1,220.50
<b>School Department</b>		
Tuition State Wards ..	1,001.55	
State-Vocational Training .....	33.32	
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		1,034.87
<b>Public Library</b>		
Fines .....		<b>178.10</b>
<b>Playgrounds</b> .....		<b>45.00</b>

Celebration of 200th Anniversary .....		616.87
Town Scales .....		22.40
Rent of Land .....		5.00
Cemetery		
Sale of Lots and Graves .....	980.00	
Care of Lots and Graves .....	803.00	
Opening Graves .....	859.00	
Foundations and repairs .....	307.50	
Sale of Wood .....	57.00	
Perpetual care fund .....	1,310.50	
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		4,317.00
Commonwealth of Mass.		
Corporation Tax .....	11,039.90	
Street Railway Tax .....	637.94	
Bank Tax .....	136.16	
Income Tax .....	20,969.81	
Soldiers' Exemptions .....	422.42	
Met. Water & Sewer Board .....	1,800.74	
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		35,006.97
County of Middlesex		
Dog Licenses .....		517.96
Van Tassel Tanning Co.		
Partial Payment of Judgment .....		2,000.00
Sale of Land, Farm Hill .....		5,900.00
G. L. W. Dike Fund, Library .....		8.05
J. W. MacDonald Fund, School Medals ..		5.90
Donation .....		1.10
Refunds .....		342.37
Trust Funds Transactions .....		7,579.84
Water Department		
Water Rates .....	45,373.82	
Service Connections .....	4,873.40	
Miscellaneous .....	212.75	
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		50,459.97
Anticipation of Revenue Loans		230,000.00
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		729,747.67
Treasury Warrants approved and paid ..	694,463.06	
Cash Balance Dec. 31, 1925 .....	35,284.61	
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		729,747.67

## REVENUE ACCOUNT—1925

### Credit

Assessors' Warrant, May .....	\$ 5,444.00
Assessors' Warrant, August .....	346,000.35
Assessors' Warrant, October .....	26.00
Assessors' Warrant, December .....	668.10
Unexpended Balances of Appro. ....	3,613.25

### Debit

Appropriations, March .....	\$350,684.35
Appropriations, July .....	760.00
Balance to E. & D. Acct .....	4,307.35
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	\$355,751.70    \$355,751.70

## TAX ACCOUNT

### Taxes Previous to 1925

	1921	1922	1923	1924
Balance Jan. 1 .....	\$2,185.97	\$2,515.06	\$4,504.91	\$90,917.71
Adjustment by Auditor .....	2.17		1.50	
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Collected .....	2,188.14	2,515.06	4,506.41	90,917.71
		35.68	1,440.81	86,066.18
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Abated .....	2,188.14	2,479.38	3,065.60	4,851.53
		259.38	785.60	484.88
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Charged to .....	2,188.14	2,220.00	2,280.00	4,366.65
Uncollected Judgments .....	2,188.14	2,220.00	2,280.00	2,015.00
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Uncollected Dec. 31, ..				2,351.65

### Tax 1925

Committed May 11 .....	\$ 5,444.00
Committed August 19 .....	360,514.75
Committed October 13 .....	26.00
Committed December 21 .....	668.10
Collected .....	248,532.65
Abated .....	2,248.50
Uncollected December 31 .....	115,871.70
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	366,652.85    366,652.85

# **Unpaid Taxes December 31, 1925**

<b>1924</b> .....	2,351.65
<b>1925</b> .....	115,871.70
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## **Overlay Accounts 1921**

Balance January 1 .....	324.78	
Auditor's Adjustment .....		2.17
Assessed in 1925 .....		322.61
	<hr/> 324.78	<hr/> 324.78

## **1922**

Balance January 1 .....	761.89	
Abatements .....	259.38	
Assessed in 1925 .....		1,021.27
	<hr/> 1,021.27	<hr/> 1,021.27

## **1923**

Balance January 1 .....	5,185.06	
Abatements .....	785.60	
Assessed in 1925 .....		5,288.86
Overdrawn .....		681.80
	<hr/> 5,970.66	<hr/> 5,970.66

## **1924**

Balance January 1 .....	4,822.82	
Abatements .....		484.88
Balance December 31 .....		4,337.94
	<hr/> 4,822.82	<hr/> 4,822.82

## **1925**

Assessors' Warrant .....		4,491.41
Abatements .....	2,336.90	
Balance December 31 .....	2,154.51	
	<hr/> 4,491.41	<hr/> 4,491.41

## **Overlay Reserve**

Balance January 1 .....		605.88
Balance December 31 .....	605.88	
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### Judgment Awarded Tax Collector

Van Tassel Tanning Co. Tax 1921 Personal	2,188.14	
Van Tassel Tanning Co. Tax 1922 Personal	2,220.00	
Van Tassel Tanning Co. Tax 1923 Personal	2,280.00	
Van Tassel Tanning Co. Tax 1924 Personal	2,015.00	
Paid by Trustee in Bankruptcy		2,000.00
Balance due Town		6,703.14
	8,703.14	8,703.14

### Moth Assessments

1923 Balance January 1	23.00	
1924 Balance January 1	606.80	
1925 Assessment	1,720.90	
Abated		2.00
Transferred from Taxes		1.50
Collected		1,657.65
1924 Uncollected December 31		17.50
1925 Uncollected December 31		672.05
	2,350.70	2,350.70

### Sewer Assessments

	Debit	Credit
1923 Balance January 1	7.28	
1924 Balance January 1	211.02	
1925 Assessment	643.36	
Collected		505.74
1925 Uncollected December 31		355.92
	861.66	861.66

### Tax Titles—Held by Town

	Debit	Credit
Balance January 1	8,905.25	
Taken by Town	2,428.46	
Redeemed		3,165.30
Loss on Van Tassel Tanning Co. Titles		5,010.91
Balance December 31		3,157.50
	11,333.71	11,333.71

### Departmental Accounts Receivable

	Debit	Credit
Balance January 1	1,578.65	
Committed to Collector	4,346.81	

Abated .....	5.00	
Collected .....	3,365.46	
Uncollected December 31		
Highways .....		234.00
Poor Department .....		1,031.00
State Aid .....		1,182.00
Military Aid .....		108.00
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	5,925.46	5,925.46

#### Sewer Services Accounts Receivable

	Debit	Credit
Balance January 1 .....	523.13	
Committed to Collector .....	2,353.14	
Abated .....		82.22
Collected .....		2,201.12
Uncollected December 31 .....		592.93
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	2,876.27	2,876.27

#### Water Rates

	Debit	Credit
Balance January 1 .....	3,818.39	
January Warrant .....	7,367.22	
July Warrant .....	35,816.98	
Abatement .....		1,923.27
Collected .....		43,449.06
Uncollected December 31		
1924 Rates .....		43.33
January 1925 Rates .....		656.59
July 1925 Rates .....		930.34
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	47,002.59	47,002.59

#### Water Services Accounts Receivable

	Debit	Credit
Balance January 1 .....	1,035.30	
Committed to Collector .....	3,856.99	
Collected .....		4,310.25
Abated .....		139.26
Uncollected December 31 .....		442.78
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	4,892.29	4,892.29

#### Estimated Revenue

	Debit	Credit
Departmental Receipts .....		57,409.99

Taken by Assessors to reduce tax levy . . . .	48,822.95	
Transferred to Excess & Deficiency Acct. .	8,587.04	
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	57,409.99	57,409.99

#### Anticipation of Revenue Loans

	Debit	Credit
Balance January 1 . . . . .		85,000.00
Borrowed Mar. 21 . . . . .		20,000.00
Borrowed April 11 . . . . .		5,000.00
Borrowed May 2 . . . . .		50,000.00
Borrowed May 23 . . . . .		30,000.00
Borrowed June 13 . . . . .		25,000.00
Borrowed November 14 . . . . .		60,000.00
Borrowed November 28 . . . . .		20,000.00
Borrowed December 19 . . . . .		20,000.00
Paid May 9 . . . . .	25,000.00	
Paid October 24 . . . . .	85,000.00	
Paid Nov. 7 . . . . .	80,000.00	
Paid November 21 . . . . .	25,000.00	
Outstanding December 31 . . . . .	100,000.00	
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	315,000.00	315,000.00

#### Net Bonded Debt

	Outstanding Jan. 1	Paid in 1925	Outstanding Dec. 31
Fire and Police Station . . . . .	23,000.00	3,000.00	20,000.00
Restitution of Trust Funds . . . . .	4,000.00	1,000.00	3,000.00
Sewer 1896 . . . . .	30,000.00	5,000.00	25,000.00
Sewer 1912 . . . . .	13,000.00	1,000.00	12,000.00
Junior High School . . . . .	139,000.00	8,000.00	131,000.00
Junior High School Equipment . . . . .	20,000.00	2,000.00	18,000.00
Water 1901 . . . . .	24,000.00	5,000.00	19,000.00
Water 1908 . . . . .	10,000.00		10,000.00
Water 1912 . . . . .	13,000.00	1,000.00	12,000.00
Water 1915 . . . . .	4,000.00	1,000.00	3,000.00
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	280,000.00	27,000.00	253,000.00

#### Excess and Deficiency Account

	Debit	Credit
Balance January 1 . . . . .		20,693.08
Tax Titles Redemed . . . . .		3,165.30
Estimated Receipts Surplus . . . . .		8,587.04
Revenue Surplus . . . . .		4,307.35

Appropriated by Town .....	15,000.00	
Tax Titles Purchased .....	2,428.46	
Sewer Services Abated .....	146.23	
Sewer Services in Excess of Commitment ..	36.58	
Balance Dec. 31 .....	19,141.50	
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	36,752.77	36,752.77

## APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS

### GENERAL GOVERNMENT

#### Moderator

	Debit	Credit
Appropriation .....		25.00
Charles A. Owen .....	25.00	
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	25.00	25.00

#### Selectmen

	Debit	Credit
Appropriation Salaries .....		300.00
Appropriation Expenses .....		600.00
Appropriation Unpaid Bills .....		131.25
Salary George A. Packard ..... 100.00		
Salary Leander V. Colahan ..... 100.00		
Salary James A. Munro ..... 100.00	300.00	
George A. Packard Clerk 1924 .....	75.00	
Printing and Advertising .....	199.25	
Surveying .....	368.00	
All others .....	83.76	
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	1,026.01	
Balance to Revenue .....	5.24	
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	1,031.25	1,031.25

#### Accounting Department

	Debit	Credit
Appropriation Salary .....		1,500.00
Appropriation Expenses .....		200.00
Salary Charles A. Owen .....	1,500.00	
Stationery and Postage .....	40.00	
Printing .....	6.75	
Books and Equipment .....	115.40	

All Others .....	37.85	
	1,700.00	1,700.00

#### Treasury and Collection Department

	Debit	Credit
Appropriation Salary .....		1,800.00
Appropriation Expenses .....		500.00
Appropriation Bond .....		175.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund .....		199.10
Salary—Simeon C. Fuller .....	1,800.00	
Premium on Bond .....	175.00	
Stationery and Postage .....	199.03	
Printing and Advertising .....	353.50	
Recording Tax Titles .....	77.65	
All others .....	68.92	
	2,674.10	2,674.10

#### Assessing Department

	Debit	Credit
Appropriation Salaries .....		1,200.05
Appropriation Clerk .....		1,200.00
Appropriation Expenses .....		250.00
Appropriation Poll Lists .....		500.00
Salary—Geo. N. Newhall .....	400.00	
Salary—John J. Kenney .....	400.00	
Salary—J. William Abbott .....	400.00	1,200.00
Salary—Harry A. Williams Clerk .....	1,200.00	
Stationery and Postage .....	17.36	
Printing and Advertising .....	45.50	
Transportation .....	35.00	
Title abstracts .....	70.97	
Office Equipment .....	70.50	
Poll Lists .....	500.00	
All other .....	10.25	
	3,149.58	
Balance to Revenues .....	.42	
	3,150.00	3,150.00

#### Other Finance Accounts

	Debit	Credit
Appropriation .....		75.00
Certifying Notes .....	36.00	
Printing and Advertising .....	34.50	



All Other .....	3.47
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73.97

Balance to Revenue .....	1.03
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75.00

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75.00

### Law Department

Debit

Credit

Appropriation .....		10,000.00
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8,500.00

Spot Pond Case .....	100.00
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Settlement Dyar Supply Co. Suit .....	1,381.60
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Herbert H. Richardson, Town Counsel .....	18.40
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10,000.00

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10,000.00

### Election and Registration Department

Debit

Credit

Appropriation—Salaries .....		100.00
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Appropriation Expenses .....		600.00
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Appropriation Unpaid Bills .....		10.50
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Salary—Herbert H. Richardson .....	20.00
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Salary—Fred E. Kerns .....	20.00
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Salary—Alice E. Fedigan .....	20.00
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Salary—Charles A. Owen .....	40.00	100.00
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Election officers .....	212.50
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Stationery .....	6.35
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Printing and Advertising .....	178.75
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Meals .....	95.00
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Voting Booths .....	87.37
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All other .....	2.29
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682.26

Balance to Revenue .....	28.24
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710.50

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710.50

### Town Clerk's Department

Debit

Credit

Appropriation—Salary .....		800.00
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Appropriation Expenses .....		150.00
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Salary—Charles A. Owen .....	800.00
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Stationery and Postage .....	37.83
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Printing .....	11.47
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Books and Office Equipment .....	63.25
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All other .....	37.45	
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	950.00	950.00
<b>Planning Board</b>		
	<b>Debit</b>	<b>Credit</b>
Appropriation .....		250.00
Eva G. Osgood, Consultant .....	154.50	
Maps .....	47.36	
Printing .....	41.50	
All other .....	4.00	
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	247.36	
Balance to Revenue .....	2.64	
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	250.00	250.00
<b>Board of Appeal</b>		
	<b>Debit</b>	<b>Credit</b>
Appropriation .....		100.00
Advertising .....	36.25	
Clerical Work .....	8.00	
Printing .....	3.00	
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	47.25	
Balance to Revenue .....	52.75	
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	100.00	100.00
<b>Emergency Clerk, Hire</b>		
	<b>Debit</b>	<b>Credit</b>
Appropriation .....		450.00
Town Clerk's Dept. ....	212.75	
Treasurer Collectors Dept. ....	233.10	
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	445.85	
Balance to Revenue .....	4.15	
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	450.00	450.00
<b>Town Offices</b>		
	<b>Debit</b>	<b>Credit</b>
Appropriation .....		1,690.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund .....		7.62
Rent .....	1,140.00	
Janitor .....	217.50	
Lighting .....	163.86	

Janitor's Supplies .....	6.63	
Repairs .....	1.00	
Telephone .....	150.71	
All other .....	17.99	

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	1,697.69	1,697.69
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### Armory Hall

	Debit	Credit
Appropriation .....		2,584.00
Janitor .....	1,325.00	
Fuel .....	366.60	
Lighting .....	155.66	
Janitor's Supplies .....	44.07	
Repairs .....	435.26	
Fire Extinguishers .....	61.20	
Drinking Fountain .....	93.00	
All other .....	102.70	

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2,583.49

Balance to Revenue .....	.51	
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	2,584.00	2,584.00
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### Protection to Persons & Property Police Dept.

	Debit	Credit
Appropriation .....		18,716.92
Salary—Captain .....	2190.00	
Salary—Sergeant .....	2098.75	
Salary—Patrolmen .....	11,903.00	
Salary—Special Officers .....	103.00	
Salary Other employees .....	60.00	16,354.75
Equipment and Repairs .....		
Equipment for men .....	223.02	
Other Equipment .....	55.00	278.02
Fuel .....		169.45
Light .....		116.28
Maintenance of building .....		
Repairs .....	90.40	
Janitor's Supplies .....	25.27	
All other .....	37.50	153.17
Stationery and Postage .....		68.11
Telephone .....		150.90
Automobile .....		457.09
All other expense .....		235.50

Overdraft 1924 .....	716.92	
	<hr/> 18,700.19	
Balance to Revenue .....	16.73	
	<hr/> 18,716.92	<hr/> 18,716.92

### Fire Department

	Debit	Credit
Appropriation .....		16,306.00
Salary—Engineers .....	535.00	
Salary—Permanent Men .....	10,391.75	
Salary—Call Men Engine .....	1,055.00	
Salary—Call Men Combination .....	1,086.25	
Salary—Call Men Ladder .....	1,167.50	
Salary—Other employees .....	10.00	14,245.50
Equipment and Repairs		
Apparatus .....	248.45	
Hose .....	2.68	
Equipment for Men .....	90.00	
Alarm Boxes .....	477.61	
Gasoline and Oil .....	149.28	
All other .....	117.85	1,085.87
Fuel .....		346.90
Lighting .....		103.12
Maintenance of Building		
Repairs .....	42.99	
Furnishings .....	90.89	
Laundry Work .....	72.07	
All other .....	89.29	295.24
Stationery and Postage .....		13.00
Telephone .....		40.07
Other expenses .....		172.46
	<hr/> 16,302.16	
Balance to Revenue .....	3.84	
	<hr/> 16,306.00	<hr/> 16,306.00

### Hydrant Service

	Debit	Credit
Appropriation .....		2,000.00
Water Dept. ....	2,000.00	
	<hr/> 2,000.00	<hr/> 2,000.00

### New Hydrants

	Debit	Credit
Appropriation .....		200.00
Valves .....	97.00	
Labor .....	65.00	
Freight .....	2.68	
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	164.68	
Balance to Revenue .....	35.32	
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	200.00	200.00

### Painting Fire & Police Station

	Debit	Credit
Appropriation .....		200.00
Stevens and Thorn (Contract) .....	200.00	
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	200.00	200.00

### Rifle Practice

	Debit	Credit
Appropriation .....		789.30
Bay State Military Rifle Ass'n .....	433.58	
Co. I. 182nd Inf. ....	231.75	
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	665.33	
Balance to Revenue .....	123.97	
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	789.30	789.30

### Inspection of Buildings

	Debit	Credit
Appropriation .....		320.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund .....		20.25
Salary—Albert J. Smith .....	33.33	
Salary—Linwood L. Gove .....	266.67	
Office supplies and Printing .....	40.25	
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	340.25	340.25

### Weights and Measures

	Debit	Credit
Appropriation .....		305.00
Salary—J. Algernon Forbes .....	200.00	
Stationery etc. ....	16.86	
Transportation .....	41.00	



Equipment .....	24.27	
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	282.13	
Balance to Revenue .....	22.87	
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	305.00	305.00

#### Moth Suppression—Public

	Debit	Credit
Appropriation .....		3,294.15
Salary and Wages—Superintendent 1,101.37		
Salary and Wages—Labor ..... 1,327.95	2,429.32	
Stationery and Postage .....	14.00	
Telephone .....	25.32	
Insecticides .....	272.49	
Hardware & Tools .....	262.37	
Automobile and Pump .....	212.72	
Other Expenses .....	77.92	
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	3,294.14	
Balance to Revenue .....	.01	
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	3,294.15	3,294.15

#### Moth Suppression—Private

	Debit	Credit
Appropriation .....		1,800.00
Salary and Wages—Supt. .... 286.00		
Salary and Wages—Labor .... 1,073.06	1,359.06	
Stationery and Postage .....	3.00	
Telephone .....	2.37	
Insecticides .....	49.50	
Hardware & Tools .....	31.41	
Truck, hire .....	204.00	
Automobile and Pump .....	83.90	
Other Expenses .....	66.76	
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	1800.00	1800.00

#### Shade Trees

	Debit	Credit
Appropriation .....		1,100.00
Salary and Wages, Labor .....	502.12	
Salary and Wages, Supt. ....	242.00	
Hardware and Tools .....	57.97	
Loam .....	30.00	

Trees .....	150.00	
Automobile .....	15.34	
Other Expenses .....	102.57	
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	1,100.00	1,100.00

## HEALTH AND SANITATION

### Board of Health

Appropriation .....		
Salaries of Board .....		300.00
General Expenses .....		1200.00
Agent .....		50.00
Sanitary Agent .....		50.00
Inspection of Animals .....		200.00
Inspection of Milk .....		100.00
Inspection of Plumbing .....		400.00
Vital Statistics .....		100.00
Salary, George A. Hinchcliffe .....	120.00	
Salary, Joseph H. Kerrigan, M. D. ....	90.00	
Salary, Lawrence E. Doucett ..	90.00	300.00
Administration		
Stationery and Postage .....	10.93	
Printing and Advertising .....	132.77	
Telephone .....	30.29	
Visiting Nurse Ass'n .....	100.00	
Other Expenses .....	239.39	513.38
Contagious Diseases		
Hospitals .....	183.00	
Other Cities and Towns .....	14.00	
All other .....	153.80	350.80
Tuberculosis		
Board and Treatment .....		158.30
Salary, Chas A. Owen, Agt. ....		50.00
Salary, Geo. A. Hinchcliffe, San Agent. ....		50.00
Salary, Calvin H. Playdon, Insp. of Animals .....		200.00
Salary, Lawrence E. Doucett, Insp. of Milk .....		100.00
Salary, David Taggart, Insp. of Plumbing .....		400.00
Vital Statistics		
Births .....	57.25	
Deaths .....	23.00	80.25
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		2202.73
		197.27
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		2400.00
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		2400.00

### Sewer Maintenance

	Debit	Credit
Appropriation .....		4360.36
Superintendent .....	264.00	
Labor .....	2853.83	
Truck Hire .....	90.00	
Tools and Equipment .....	265.55	
Pipe and Fittings .....	105.00	
Automobile and Truck .....	90.09	
Other Expenses .....	368.10	
Overdraft 1924 .....	322.36	
	<hr/> 4,358.93	
Balance to Revenue .....	1.43	
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	4360.36	4360.36

### Sewer Construction

	Debit	Credit
Appropriation .....		2150.00
Superintendent .....	260.00	
Labor .....	2801.02	
Cement .....	90.30	
Pipe and Fittings .....	388.55	
Covers .....	108.25	
Drilling and Blasting .....	690.53	
Filling .....	74.43	
Surveying .....	128.35	
Insurance .....	140.99	
All other .....	475.83	
Overdraft .....		3008.25
	<hr/> 5158.25	<hr/>
	5158.25	5158.25

### Cowdrey Road Sewer

	Debit	Credit
Appropriation .....		1099.27
Overdraft .....	1099.27	
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	1099.27	1099.27

### Sewer Services

	Debit	Credit
Appropriation .....		3500.00
Superintendent .....	112.00	
Labor .....	1848.59	

Truck Hire .....	60.00	
Pipe and Fittings .....	539.33	
Cloth .....	121.12	
Filling .....	289.05	
All other .....	524.60	
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	3,494.69	
Balance to Revenue .....	5.31	
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	3500.00	3500.00

#### Disposal of Ashes

	Debit	Credit
Appropriation .....		3500.00
F. C. Bowser, Contract .....	3166.64	
Lease of Dump .....	15.00	
Printing and Advertising .....	70.50	
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	3,252.14	
Balance to Revenue .....	247.86	
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	3500.00	3500.00

#### Disposal of Garbage

	Debit	Credit
Appropriation .....		2000.00
E. C. Bowser, Contract .....	1600.00	
Advertising .....	7.00	
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	1607.00	
Balance to Revenue .....	393.00	
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	2,000.00	2,000.00

#### Care of Dump

	Debit	Credit
Appropriation .....		200.00
Labor .....	200.00	
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	200.00	200.00

#### Comfort Station

	Debit	Credit
Appropriation .....		200.00
Repairs .....	61.10	
Water .....	11.30	

Services of caretaker .....	104.00	
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	176.40	
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Balance to Revenue .....	23.60	
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	200.00	200.00
<b>Drainage Survey</b>		
Appropriation .....		2500.00
Fay, Spofford & Thorndike .....	2500.00	
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	2500.00	2500.00

### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

#### Highways, Sidewalks, Catch Basins and Drains

	Debit	Credit
Appropriation .....		35,459.23
Transferred from Reserve Fund .....		48.80
Superintendent .....	792.00	
Labor .....	10,823.37	
Truck Hire .....	2755.50	
Stone and Gravel .....	7980.61	
Equipment and Repairs .....	1222.16	
Hay and Grain .....	463.69	
Coal .....	391.87	
Iron Castings .....	401.40	
Insurance .....	529.16	
Automobile and Trucks .....	679 20	
Oil .....	6882.80	
Drain Pipe .....	108.00	
All others .....	547.60	
Overdraft .....	1930.67	
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	35508.03	35508.03

#### Macadam Roads—Repairs

	Debit	Credit
Appropriation .....		4500.00
Superintendent .....	32.00	
Labor .....	1163.62	
Truck Hire .....	20.00	
Oil .....	2659.04	
Stone, Sand etc. ....	545.76	



All other .....	79.56	
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	4499.98	
Balance to Revenue .....	.02	
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	4500.00	4500.00
<b>Keene Street</b>		
	<b>Debit</b>	<b>Credit</b>
Appropriation .....		826.13
Oil .....	121.00	
Overdraft .....	705.13	
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	826.13	826.13
<b>Street Oiling</b>		
	<b>Debit</b>	<b>Credit</b>
Appropriation .....		466.73
Oil .....	85.00	
Overdraft 1924 .....	381.73	
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	466.73	466.73
<b>Broadway</b>		
	<b>Debit</b>	<b>Credit</b>
Appropriation .....		4245.52
Superintendent .....	96.00	
Labor .....	788.61	
Truck Hire .....	92.00	
Stone, Sand etc. ....	693.81	
Oil .....	688.50	
Drain Pipe .....	241.57	
Federal Contracting, Grading .....	784.64	
All other .....	114.76	
Overdraft 1924 .....	745.52	
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	4245.41	
Balance to Revenue .....	.11	
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	4245.52	4245.52
<b>Concrete Sidewalks</b>		
	<b>Debit</b>	<b>Credit</b>
Appropriation .....		3000.00
Labor .....	100.75	
Asphalt and Tax .....	301.50	
Stone, Sand etc. ....	821.15	

Truck Expense .....	38.75	
T. A. Mulroney, Contract .....	1735.72	
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	2997.87	
Balance to Revenue .....	2.13	
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	3000.00	3000.00

#### Concrete—Green Street

	Debit	Credit
Appropriation .....		60.00
T. A. Mulroney, Contract .....	30.47	
Balance to Revenue .....	29.53	
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	60.00	60.00

#### Snow and Ice

	Debit	Credit
Appropriation .....		4073.51
Superintendent .....	203.23	
Labor .....	1901.03	
Teams .....	169.30	
Truck Hire .....	331.50	
Sand, etc. ....	195.70	
Truck Expense .....	155.19	
Equipment and Repairs .....	1018.36	
All other .....	22.30	
Overdraft 1924 .....	73.51	
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	4070.12	
Balance to Revenue .....	3.39	
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	4073.51	4073.51

#### Street Lighting

Appropriation .....		8000.00
Edison Electric Illuminating Co. ....	7335.53	
Balance to Revenue .....	664.47	
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	8000.00	8000.00

#### Street Railings

	Debit	Credit
Appropriation .....		300.00
Superintendent .....	8.00	
Labor .....	109.37	

Paint, Lumber etc. ....	109.52	
	226.89	
Balance to Revenue .....	73.11	
	300.00	300.00
<b>Traffic Beacons</b>		
	<b>Debit</b>	<b>Credit</b>
Appropriations .....		200.00
Four Reflectors .....	200.00	
	200.00	200.00
<b>Street Signs</b>		
	<b>Debit</b>	<b>Credit</b>
Appropriation .....		493.58
Transferred from Reserve Fund .....		100.00
Superintendent .....	8.00	
Labor .....	87.87	
Signs .....	406.28	
Paint and Supplies .....	89.20	
	591.35	
Balance to Revenue .....	2.23	
	593.58	593.58

## CHARITIES AND SOLDIERS' BENEFITS

### Poor Department

	<b>Debit</b>	<b>Credit</b>
Appropriation General .....		18464.85
Appropriation Salaries .....		300.00
Appropriation Office Expense .....		40.00
Appropriation Transferred from Reserve Fund		202.71
Salary Sidney A. Hill .....	100.00	
Salary Wilder C. Moulton .....	100.00	
Salary Charles H. Carr .....	100.00	300.00
Office Expenses .....	29.09	
Outside Relief by Town .....		
Groceries and Provisions .....	839.33	
Coal and Wood .....	220.05	
Rent .....	878.00	
Board and Care .....	2045.71	
Medical Attendance .....	160.20	
State Institutions .....	1322.14	

Transportation .....	12.92	
Cash Payments .....	837.70	6316.05
Relief Charged Other Cities ..	903.00	
Relief Charged State .....	204.00	1107.00
Relief Paid Other Towns .....		344.49
Mothers' Aid .....		2165.00
Almshouse		
Superintendent .....	11.00	
Other Employees .....	908.57	
Groceries and Provisions .....	1,424.93	
Dry Goods and Clothing .....	263.21	
Buildings .....	385.53	
Fuel and Light .....	647.61	
Hay and Grain .....	1,133.28	
Farm Equipment .....	419.94	
House Equipment .....	145.69	
Ali other .....	916.85	7,345.61
Overdraft 1924 .....		2,464.85
Overdraft 1925 .....		1,064.53

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20,072.09	20,072.09
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#### State Aid

Debit	Credit
	1,100.00
1,182.00	
	82.00
1,182.00	1,182.00

Appropriation .....	
Cash Payments .....	
Overdraft .....	

#### Military Aid

Appropriation .....		500.00
Cash Payments .....	216.00	
Balance to Revenue .....	284.00	

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500.00	500.00
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#### Soldiers' Relief

	Debit	Credit
Appropriation .....		4,660.75
Fuel .....	59.60	
Groceries and Provisions .....	200.75	
Medical Attendance .....	561.28	
Cash Payments .....	2,675.00	
Overdraft 1924 .....	660.75	
Balance to Revenue .....	503.37	
	4,660.75	4,4660.75

## SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

### SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

#### ADMINISTRATION

	Debit	Credit
Appropriation .....		\$125,000.00
F. W. Porter, Supt Salary ...	\$ 3,575.04	
Lillian Chase, Clerk Salary ...	1,002.00	
Supervision:		
B. H. Linscott .....	\$ 840.00	
M. L. Franchere .....	1,850.00	
F. A. Campbell .....	1,790.00	
E. F. Cross .....	1,700.00	
D. C. Sprague .....	960.00	
W. A. Granger .....	440.00	
M. E. Riley .....	1,758.75	
D. W. Marshall .....	750.00	
G. R. Pike .....	1,200.00	
N. E. Flinn .....	560.00	
W. M. Daiglish .....	560.00	
H. L. Hewitt .....	204.00	
M. W. Porter .....	80.00	
A. H. Smith .....	50.00	
N. P. Hersam, M. D. ....	750.00	
Mary E. Thiesfeldt .....	10.50	
Middlesex Co. Farm Bureau ..	75.00	13,578.25
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Truant Officer .....	75.00	
Printing, Stationery, Postage ..	96.55	
Telephone .....	207.07	
Travelling Expenses .....	519.05	
All Others .....	107.21	\$ 19,160.17

#### TEACHERS' SALARIES

##### High

C. J. Emerson .....	\$3,200.00
E. T. Thibodeau .....	5,150.00
W. W. McNally .....	2,077.50
H. G. Fowler .....	1,645.00
H. F. Fanning .....	847.50



G. Damon	1,270.00
R. S. Morrill	1,440.00
F. A. Davis	1,582.90
E. M. Garland	1,540.00
L. Bessey	1,640.00
D. F. Gowen	1,072.00
G. E. Ryan	1,640.00
V. L. Moore	1,595.00
E. F. Alden	1,905.00
C. V. Pomeroy	1,400.00
L. Thompson	1,470.00
F. Eastman	1,650.00
W. Nadeau	755.00
F. N. Eaton	880.00
A. Deal	490.00
I. A. Neilson	853.50
A. R. Granger	66.00
D. C. Sprague	82.50
H. Doherty	22.00
N. R. Storey	44.00
G. R. Pike	35.00
H. H. C. Bingham	88.00
F. L. Holmes	9.00
W. O. Temple	27.00
W. M. Crosby	96.00
B. A. Temple	19.50
A. Zitren	63.00
F. Goddard	6.00
Middlesex Co. Ext. Bureau	75.00 \$ 31,736.40

#### Junior High:

V. M. Hetherston	\$ 850.00
E. J. Whittemore	1,700.00
E. W. Crowell	1,452.50
A. V. Peyton	1,440.00
M. E. Pickering	1,400.00
K. A. Devlin	1,440.00
D. Arnold	750.00
N. R. Story	26.00 \$ 9,059.00

#### Dean:

J. F. Copland	\$1,465.00
R. H. Steele	1,355.79
R. K. Coy	1,465.00

R. M. Emerson .....	1,370.00	
I. A. Niles .....	766.32	
W. S. Byrant .....	95.80	
N. R. Storey .....	108.00	
V. E. Wood .....	1,092.50	
G. K. Fletcher .....	570.00	
A. F. Messier .....	27.00	
Mary McDonough .....	4.50	\$ 8,319.91

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**Center:**

A. M. Walsh .....	\$1,527.50	
L. L. Stevens .....	1,367.50	
A. H. Smith .....	1,665.00	
P. G. Hinchcliffe .....	1,615.00	
C. A. Niles .....	545.00	
V. Clough .....	22.50	
F. H. Stevens .....	72.00	
N. R. Storey .....	13.50	
M. Bockus .....	4.50	\$ 6,832.50

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**North:**

M. E. Blake .....	\$1,452.50	
H. Hedberg .....	1,425.00	
A. L. Parker .....	1,338.88	
F. H. Graham .....	1,527.50	
N. R. Storey .....	22.50	
M. Bockus .....	4.50	\$ 5,770.88

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**East:**

L. H. Freitag .....	\$1,325.27	
R. J. Cameron .....	780.00	
M. Conant .....	648.44	
A. R. Davis .....	1,435.00	
R. J. Cannon .....	545.00	
M. Chapman .....	545.00	
M. Bockus .....	62.00	
N. R. Storey .....	24.75	\$ 5,365.46

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**South:**

G. M. Welch .....	\$1,425.00	
H. L. Briggs .....	1,425.00	
L. B. Sweetser .....	1,465.00	
G. K. Fletcher .....	750.00	
C. G. Roberts .....	565.00	
N. R. Storey .....	40.50	\$ 5,670.50

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## RECAPITULATION OF TEACHERS' SALARIES

High .....	\$ 31,736.40	
Junior High .....	9,059.00	
Dean .....	8,319.91	
Center .....	6,832.50	
North .....	5,770.88	
East .....	5,365.46	
South .....	5,670.50	\$ 72,754.65

## OPERATING EXPENSES

	HIGH	EL'M'TARY
Books .....	\$ 3,084.45	\$ 1,257.24
Supplies .....	2,513.25	1,120.19
Tuition .....		852.76
Transportation .....	450.00	1,053.75
Janitor s .....	1,800.00	4,925.49
Fuel .....	5,120.31	2,632.72
Lighting .....	885.40	445.97
Maintenance of Bldgs. & Grounds		
Repairs .....	2,119.71	873.34
Janitor's Supplies .....	317.45	78.34
All Other .....	553.62	682.56
Furnishings .....	1,250.21	958.98
Graduation .....	109.33	
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	\$18,203.73	\$14,881.34

## RECAPITULATION—SCHOOLS

	Adm.	High	Elem.	
General Expense..	\$19,160.17			
Teachers' Salar- ies ..		\$31,736.40	\$41,018.25	
Operating Ex- penses ..		18,203.73	14,881.34	
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	\$19,160.17	\$49,940.13	\$55,899.59	\$124,999.89
Balance to Revenue .....				.11

\$125,000.00

## AMERICANIZATION SCHOOL

	Debit	Credit
Appropriation .....		\$ 500.00

F. W. Porter, Supervisor .....	\$ 100.00
O. F. Raymond, Teacher .....	212.00
Books .....	187.84

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\$ 499.84

Balance to Revenue ..... .16

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\$ 500.00      \$ 500.00

### TRADE SCHOOLS

	Debit	Credit
Appropriation .....		\$ 150.00
City of Boston .....	\$ 14.56	
City of Cambridge .....	6.50	
City of Somerville .....	82.04	

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\$ 103.10

Balance to Revenue ..... 46.90

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\$ 150.00      \$ 150.00

### TUITION AT MELROSE

	Debit	Credit
Appropriation .....		\$1,000.00
City of Melrose .....	\$1,000.00	

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\$1,000.00      \$1,000.00

### GRADING HIGH SCHOOL GROUNDS

	Debit	Credit
Appropriation .....		\$1,500.00
C. J. Sweeney, Crushed Stone .....	\$ 145.00	
D. E. Perkins, Surveying .....	110.75	
F. C. Bowser, Contract .....	1,244.25	

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\$1,500.00      \$1,500.00

### PAINTING NORTH SCHOOL

	Debit	Credit
Appropriation .....		\$ 300.00
A. E. Pratt, Contract .....	\$ 252.25	
Balance to Revenue .....	47.75	

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\$ 300.00      \$ 300.00

### HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION MEDALS

	Debit	Credit
J. W. MacDonald Fund .....		\$ 5.90

Donation .....		1.10
Medals .....	\$ 7.00	
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	\$ 7.00	\$ 7.00

#### SMITH—HUGHES SCHOOL FUND

	Debit	Credit
Balance, January 1st. ....		\$ 40.64
Unexpended .....	\$ 40.64	
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	\$ 40.64	\$ 40.64

#### JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

	Debit	Credit
Balance .....		\$2,428.51
Appropriation .....		5,153.01
Duncan Construction Co. Contract .....	\$2,867.55	
James Wilkinson Co., Contract .....	566.05	
General Construction & Repair Co. Contract .....	792.00	
J. J. Hurley Co., Contract .....	2,557.00	
Ritchie, Parsons & Taylor, Architects Fee .....	798.92	
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	\$7,581.52	\$7,581.52

#### JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL FURNISHINGS

	Debit	Credit
Balance, January 1st. ....		\$ 634.11
Miscellaneous Furnishings .....	\$ 516.99	
Unexpended .....	117.12	
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	\$ 634.11	634.11

#### PUBLIC LIBRARY

	Debit	Credit
Appropriation .....		\$ 4,500.00
Middlesex County, Dog Tax .....		517.96
G. L. W. Dike Fund .....		8.05
Martha A. Jackson, Librarian .....	\$ 1,200.00	
Assistants .....	999.85	
Janitors .....	431.50	
Books .....	1,031.24	
Periodicals .....	210.10	
Binding .....	168.56	
Fuel .....	490.00	
Light .....	214.49	
Repairs .....	69.88	





Orator .....	25.00		
Express and Printing .....	5.06		
	\$	561.14	
Balance to Revenue .....		38.86	
	\$	600.00	\$ 600.00

#### PRINTING TOWN REPORTS

	Debit	Credit
Appropriation .....		\$ 757.00
G. R. Barnstead, Contract .....	\$ 757.00	
	\$	757.00
	\$	757.00

#### FIRE INSURANCE

Appropriation .....		\$ 3,150.00
Return Premiums .....		177.69
Elmer A. Lord and Co. ....	\$ 2,804.68	
Harold C. Schuman .....	219.11	
J. William Abbott .....	204.00	
O. Gilmore and Co. ....	13.75	
F. G. Elliott .....	1.76	
J. H. Green .....	1.90	
G. A. Hersam .....	1.30	
H. P. McLaughlin .....	1.25	
S. F. Prime .....	1.75	
W. D. Whitney .....	1.75	
	\$	3,251.25
Balance to Revenue .....		76.44
	\$	3,327.69
	\$	3,327.69

#### G. A. R. RENT

	Debit	Credit
Appropriation .....		\$ 216.00
L. E. Warren Camp, U. S. W. V. ....	\$ 216.00	
	\$	216.00
	\$	216.00

#### AMERICAN LEGION RENT

	Debit	Credit
Appropriation .....		\$ 360.00
Stoneham Post A. L. ....	\$ 360.00	
	\$	360.00
	\$	360.00

# STATE CENSUS

	Debit	Credit
Appropriation .....		\$ 500.00
C. Crosby .....	\$ 117.01	
A. Ackert .....	103.71	
F. H. Chase .....	79.25	
C. A. Owen .....	10.00	
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	\$ 309.97	
Balance to Revenue .....	190.03	
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	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00

## VACATIONS FOR LABORERS

	Debit	Credit
Appropriation .....		\$ 750.00
Pay Rolls .....	\$ 747.25	
Balance to Revenue .....	2.75	
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	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00

## COMMITTEE ON TOWN HISTORY

Appropriation .....		\$ 100.00
Typewriting .....	\$ 35.00	
Balance to Revenue .....	65.00	
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	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00

## DAMAGES TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Employers Liability Insurance Corp. ....	\$	22.25
Winchester Hospital .....	\$ 22.25	
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	\$ 22.25	\$ 22.25

## CARE OF SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' GRAVES

	Debit	Credit
Appropriation .....		\$ 250.00
Lindenwood Cemetery .....	\$ 150.00	
St. Patrick's Cemetery .....	100.00	
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	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00

## RENT OF LAND FOR TOWN SCALES

	Debit	Credit
Appropriation .....		\$ 1.00
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B. and M. R. R. ....	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00

## GOULD ENGINE HOUSE

	Debit	Credit
Appropriation .....		\$ 383.00
Overdraft, 1924 .....	\$ 383.00	
	\$ 383.00	\$ 383.00

## COMMITTEE ON HIKER'S MONUMENT

	Debit	Credit
Appropriation .....		\$ 50.00
Balance to Revenue .....	\$ 50.00	
	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00

## COMMITTEE ON GOULD MEADOW

	Debit	Credit
Appropriation .....		\$ 250.00
Expended .....	\$ 6.60	
Balance to Revenue .....	243.40	
	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00

## RESERVE FUND

	Debit	Credit
Appropriation .....		\$ 1,000.00
Street Signs .....	\$ 100.00	
Inspector of Buildings .....	220.25	
Treasurer and Collector .....	199.10	
Town Offices .....	7.69	
Highways .....	48.80	
Poor Department .....	202.71	
Cemetery Department .....	221.45	
	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00

## CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

Appropriation--Lindenwood .....		\$ 3,000.00
Appropriation--Pleasant Street .....		75.00
Transferred from Appropriation for Care of Soldiers Graves .....		150.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund .....		221.45
Income Perpetual Care Fund .....		1,310.50
Labor .....	\$ 4,159.93	
Markers .....	21.10	
Tools .....	44.65	
Teams .....	12.00	
Flowers .....	103.25	

Insurance .....	69.31	
Water .....	65.10	
Repairs to Water Pipes .....	43.93	
All other .....	237.68	
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	\$ 4,756.95	\$ 4,756.95

#### INTEREST ON TOWN DEBT

	Debit	Credit
Appropriation .....		\$ 13,000.00
Interest on Anticipation Loans .....	\$ 5,432.47	
Interest on Sewer Loan .....	1,600.00	
Interest on Restitution Loan .....	140.00	
Interest on Fire & Police Sta. Loan .....	920.00	
Interest on High School Loan .....	5,907.50	
Interest on High School Equipment Loan .....	850.00	
Overdraft .....		1,849.97
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	\$ 14,849.97	\$ 14,849.97

#### PAYMENTS ON TOWN DEBT

	Debit	Credit
Appropriation .....		\$ 20,000.00
Sewer Loan .....	\$ 6,000.00	
Restitution Loan .....	1,000.00	
Fire and Police Station Loan .....	3,000.00	
High School Loan .....	8,000.00	
High School Equipment Loan .....	2,000.00	
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	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00

#### STATE AND COUNTY TAXES

	Debit	Credit
Appropriation by levy .....		\$ 52,213.20
State Tax .....	\$ 17,760.00	
North Metropolitan Sewer .....	9,851.41	
Metropolitan Parks .....	6,557.48	
Wellington Bridge .....	501.53	
Charles River Basin .....	938.94	
State Highways .....	1,582.00	
Fire Prevention .....	99.10	
Metropolitan Planning Board .....	95.79	
Division of Accounts .....	1,299.42	
County Tax .....	13,527.53	
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	\$ 52,213.20	\$ 52,213.20



# RECAPITULATION OF APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS

	Credit	Expended	Unexpended	Overdraft
Moderator	\$ 25.00	25.00		
Selectmen's Dept.	1,031.25	1,026.01	5.24	
Accounting Dept.	1,700.00	1,700.00		
Treasurer & Collector's Dept.	2,674.10	2,674.10		
Assessing Dept.	3,150.00	3,149.58	.42	
Other Finance Accts.	75.00	73.97	1.03	
Legal Dept.	10,000.00	10,000.00		
Town Clerk's Dept.	950.00	950.00		
Election & Registration Dept.	710.50	682.26	28.24	
Planning Board	250.00	247.36	2.64	
Board of Appeal	100.00	47.25	52.75	
Town Offices	1,697.69	1,697.69		
Armory Hall	2,584.00	2,583.49	.51	
Armory Shingling	1,225.00	1,225.00		
Emergency Clerk	450.00	445.85	4.15	
Police Dept.	18,716.92	18,700.19	16.73	
Fire Dept.	16,306.00	16,302.16	3.84	
Hydrant Service	2,000.00	2,000.00		
New Hydrants	200.00	164.68	35.32	
Painting Fire & Police Station	200.00	200.00		
Rifle Practice	789.30	665.33	123.97	
Inspection of Buildings	360.00	360.00		

Weights & Measures	305.00	282.13	22.87
Moth Suppression, Public	3,294.15	3,294.14	.01
Moth Suppression, Private	1,800.00	1,800.00	
Planting and care of Trees	1,100.00	1,100.00	
Health Dept.	2,300.00	2,122.48	177.52
Vital Statistics	100.00	80.25	19.75
Sewer Maintenance	4,360.36	4,358.93	1.43
Sewer Construction	2,150.00	5,158.25	
Sewer Cowdrey Road	1,099.27	1,099.27	
Sewer Services	3,500.00	3,494.69	5.31
Disposal of Ashes	3,500.00	3,252.14	247.86
Care of Dump	200.00	200.00	
Disposal of Garbage	2,000.00	1,607.00	393.00
Comfort Station	200.00	176.40	23.60
Drainage Survey	2,500.00	2,500.00	
Highways	35,508.03	35,508.03	
Macadam Roads	4,500.00	4,499.98	.02
Broadway	4,245.52	4,245.41	.11
Keene Street	826.13	826.13	
Concrete Repairs	3,000.00	2,997.87	2.13
Concrete-Green St.	60.00	30.47	29.53
Snow & Ice	4,073.51	4,070.12	3.39
Street Oiling	466.73	446.73	
Street Lighting	8,000.00	7,335.53	664.47
Street Railings	300.00	226.89	73.11
Traffic Beacons	200.00	200.00	
Street Signs	606.14	603.91	2.23
			<b>3,008.25</b>

Poor Dept.	19,007.56	20,072.09	1,064.53
State Aid	1,100.00	1,182.00	82.00
Military Aid	500.00	216.00	284.00
Soldiers' Relief	4,660.75	4,157.38	503.37
School Dept.	125,000.00	124,999.89	.11
Americanization School	500.00	499.84	.16
Trade Schools	150.00	103.10	46.90
Tuition at Melrose	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Grading High School Grounds	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Painting North School	300.00	252.25	47.75
Junior High School Building	7,581.52	7,581.52	
Junior High School Furnishings	634.11	516.99	117.12
Library	5,026.01	5,026.01	
Playground Dept.	1,250.00	1,249.75	.25
Celebration	7,000.00	6,876.95	123.05
Memorial Day	600.00	561.14	38.86
Town Reports	757.00	757.00	
Care of Soldiers' Graves	250.00	250.00	
G. A. R. Rent	216.00	216.00	
American Legion Rent	360.00	360.00	
Vacations for Laborers	750.00	747.25	2.75
Fire Insurance	3,327.69	3,251.25	76.44
Town History	100.00	35.00	65.00
Gould Engine House	383.00	383.00	
Census	500.00	309.97	190.03
Town Scales	1.00	1.00	
Hiker's Monument	50.00		50.00

Gould Meadow	250.00	6.60	243.40
Reserve Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Lindenwood Cemetery	4,681.95	4,681.95	
Pleasant St. Cemetery	75.00	75.00	
Interest on Town Debt.	13,000.00	14,849.97	1,849.97
Payments on Town Debt	20,000.00	20,000.00	
<b>Water Department</b>			
Registrar	300.00	300.00	
Interest on Water Debt	1,877.50	1,877.50	
Payments on Water Debt	7,000.00	7,000.00	
	<u>388,078.69</u>	<u>388,353.07</u>	<u>3,730.37</u>
			<u>6,004.75</u>

# WATER DEPARTMENT - MAINTENANCE

## CREDIT

Charged Water Reserve .....	\$23,895.62
Materials Charged New Construction .....	4,532.45
Materials Charged Services .....	1,572.52
Cash Refunds .....	12.67

	DEBIT	
	Administration	General
	\$	\$
Registrar .....	300.00	
Superintendent .....	404.00	
Stationery etc. ....	92.25	
Printing .....	21.95	
Telephone .....	97.82	
Liability and Compensation		
Office Equipment .....	250.42	
All Other .....	262.23	
Wages .....	125.37	
Truck Hire .....	5,392.19	
Pipe & Fittings .....	90.00	
Meters & Fittings .....		6,069.32
Freight .....		1,998.33
Hydrants .....		236.97
Other Materials .....		132.24
Automobile & Trucks .....		418.80
		1,151.38



Equipment & Tools .....	1,206.49	
Town of Wakefield, .....		
Green Street Water .....	102.70	
Metropolitan Water & .....		
Sewer Board .....	11,174.09	
All Other .....	392.96	
	<u>\$8,855.66</u>	<u>\$14,027.62</u>
Total Cost .....		\$29,979.51
Abatements on Service Charges .....		33.75
Total .....		<u>\$30,013.26</u>

# DEBIT CREDIT

NEW CONSTRUCTION		
LABOR	MATERIALS	
Rustic Road .....	\$ 966.22	\$ 486.18
Parkway Road .....	267.28	211.93
Cowdrey Road .....	24.94	43.58
Cowdrey Street .....	544.49	594.95
Sunset Road .....	130.75	465.06
Stone Ave. ....	424.17	397.25
Coolidge St. ....	123.75	159.00
Brackett Ave. ....	213.99	161.20
Beacon Street .....	459.53	713.86
Wilson & Upland Rds. ....	340.78	475.28
Keene Street .....	406.60	751.48

Whipple Ave. . . . .	46.25	72.68	\$8,481.20
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Chrgd. Water Reserve . .	\$3,948.75	\$4,532.45	\$8,481.20
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## SERVICE CONNECTIONS

	Debit	Credit
Balance, January 1st. ....	\$ 665.67	
Labor .....	2,092.78	
Materials .....	1,572.52	
Cost of Services over Amount Billed ....	554.51	
Service Charges Collected .....		\$ 4,408.95
Service Charges, Abated .....		\$ 33.75
Uncollected, December 31st. ....		442.78
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	\$ 4,885.48	\$ 4,885.48

## WATER CONSTRUCTION DEBT AND INTEREST

	DEBIT	CREDIT
App. From Water Reserve .....		\$ 8,877.50
Maturing Bonds .....	\$ 7,000.00	
Interest .....	1,877.50	
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	\$ 8,877.50	\$ 8,877.50

## WATER DEPARTMENT RESERVE

	DEBIT	CREDIT
Balance, January 1st .....		\$ 28,662.06
Rates Collected .....		43,449.06
Miscellaneous Collections .....		212.75
Excess of Service Charges .....		554.51
Cost of Maintenance .....	\$ 23,895.62	
Cost of New Construction .....	8,481.20	
Maturing Bonds and Interest .....	8,877.50	
Abatements and Refunds .....	136.70	
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	\$ 41,391.02	
Balance December 31st. ....	31,487.36	
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	\$72,878.38	\$ 72,878.38

## TRUST FUNDS

### CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUND—PRINCIPAL

	DEBIT	CREDIT
Balance, January 1st. ....		\$ 39,435.34
Deposits .....		1,500.00
Balance, December 31st .....	\$ 40,935.34	
	<hr/> \$ 40,935.34	<hr/> \$ 40,935.34

### CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUND—INCOME

	DEBIT	CREDIT
Balance, January 1st. ....		\$ 6,062.15
Interest Received .....		2,160.19
Expended on Care of Lots .....	\$ 1,310.50	
Safe Deposit Box .....	7.50	
Balance, December 31. ....	6,904.34	
	<hr/> \$ 8,222.34	<hr/> \$ 8,222.34

### JAMES A. STOCKWELL SHADE TREE FUND

	DEBIT	CREDIT
Balance, January 1st. ....		\$ 1,000.00
Interest Received .....		57.82
Balance December 31st. ....	\$ 1,057.82	
	\$ 1,057.82	\$ 1,057.82

### JAMES W. MACDONALD SCHOOL MEDAL FUND

	DEBIT	CREDIT
Balance, January 1st. ....		\$ 132.93
Interest Received .....		6.01
Expended for Part Payment of Medals ..	\$ 5.90	
Balance, December 31st. ....	133.04	
	<hr/> \$ 138.94	<hr/> \$ 138.94

### GEORGE L. W. DIKE LIBRARY FUND

	DEBIT	CREDIT
Balance, January 1st. ....		\$ 2,150.03
Interest Received .....		86.80
Expended for Books .....	\$ 8.05	
Balance December 31st. ....	2,228.78	
	<hr/> \$ 2,236.83	<hr/> \$ 2,236.83

# BOARD OF TRADE—CENTRAL SQUARE IMPROV'MNT FUND

	DEBIT	CREDIT
Balance, January 1st. ....		\$ 51.05
Interest Received .....		2.32
Balance, December 31st. ....	\$ 53.37	
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	\$ 53.37	\$ 53.37

## RICHARDSON LIBRARY FUND

Balance, January 1st. ....		\$ 161.01
Interest Received .....		7.31
Balance, December 31st. ....	\$ 168.32	
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	\$ 168.32	\$ 168.32

## MATILDA M. DALE—CEMETERY FUND

Balance, January 1st. ....		\$ 43.41
Interest Received .....		1.96
Balance, December 31st. ....	\$ 45.37	
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	\$ 45.37	\$ 45.37

## SAMUEL H. WEBBER TOWN HALL FUND

	DEBIT	CREDIT
Balance, January 1st. ....		\$ 30,255.62
*Interest Received .....		1,351.45
Balance, December 31st. ....	\$ 31,607.07	
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	\$ 31,607.07	\$ 31,607.07

## WAR BONUS FUND

	DEBIT	CREDIT
Transferred from General Account .....		\$ 3,980.03
Interest Received .....		\$ 59.03
Balance, December 31st. ....	\$ 4,039.06	
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	\$ 4,039.06	\$ 4,039.06

## ALICE J. DURGIN FUND

	DEBIT	CREDIT
Bequest .....		\$ 1,000.00
Balance, December 31st. ....	\$ 1,000.00	
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	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00



# BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1925

## ASSETS

Cash .....	\$ 35,284.61
Taxes, 1924 .....	2,351.65
Taxes, 1925 .....	115,871.70
Moth Assessment, 1924 .....	17.50
Moth Assessment, 1925 .....	672.05
Sewer Assessment, 1925 .....	355.92
Sewer Services, Accts. Receivable .....	592.93
Water Rates, 1924 .....	43.33
Water Rates, January, 1925 .....	656.59
Water Rates, July, 1925 .....	930.34
Water Services Accts. Receivable .....	442.78
Departmental Accts. Receivable .....	2,555.00
Tax Titles—Held by Town .....	3,157.50
Loans Authorized .....	17,000.00
Overlay, 1923 .....	681.80
Judgment—Van Tassel Tanning Co. .....	6,702.14
Apportioned Sewer Assessments .....	988.22
Sewer Construction .....	3,008.25
Sewer Services .....	75.58
Water Services .....	442.78
Overdrafts, 1925 .....	2,996.50

## LIABILITIES

Anticipation Loans .....	\$ 100,000.00
Sale of Land Funds .....	5,900.00
Sale of Lots & Graves (Cemetery) .....	980.00
Deposits on Sewer Services .....	530.00
Deposits on Water Services .....	196.30
Water Rates, January, 1926, paid in advance .....	1,924.76
Overlay, 1924 .....	4,337.94
Overlay, 1925 .....	2,154.51
Overlay Reserve .....	605.88
Water Revenue .....	2,073.04
Sewer Assessments Revenue .....	355.92
Sewer Services Revenue .....	592.93
Moth Assessments Revenue .....	689.55
Departmental Revenue .....	2,555.00
Reserve for Tax Titles .....	3,157.50
Water Department Reserve .....	31,487.36
Excess and Deficiency .....	19,141.50
Sewer Assessments, due 1926 .....	315.58
Sewer Assessments, due 1927 .....	243.36
Sewer Assessments, due 1928 .....	167.52

Net Funded Debt .....	253,000.00	Sewer Assessments, due 1929 .....	121.72
Trust Funds, Cash and Securities ..	88,172.51	Sewer Assessments, due 1930 .....	91.58
		Sewer Assessments, due 1931 .....	32.80
		Sewer Assessments, due 1932 .....	10.56
		Sewer Assessments, due 1933 .....	5.16
		Smith—Hughes School Fund .....	40.64
		Junior High School Furnishings .....	117.12
		Fire and Police Station Loan .....	20,000.00
		Restitution Loan .....	3,000.00
		Sewer Loan, 1896 .....	25,000.00
		Sewer Loan, 1912 .....	12,000.00
		Junior High School Bldg. Loan .....	131,000.00
		Junior High School Equipment Loan .....	18,000.00
		Water Loan, 1901 .....	19,000.00
		Water Loan, 1908 .....	10,000.00
		Water Loan, 1912 .....	12,000.00
		Water Loan, 1915 .....	3,000.00
		Water Loan, Unissued .....	17,000.00
		Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund Prin. .....	40,935.34
		Cemetery " Care Fund, Income .....	6,904.34
		J. A. Stockwell Shade Tree Fund .....	1,057.82
		J. W. MacDonald School Medal Fund .....	133.04
		G. L. W. Dike, Library Fund .....	2,228.78
		Bd. of Trade, Cent'l Sq. Impr. Fund .....	53.37
		Richardson Library Fund .....	168.32
		Matilda M. Dale, Cemetery Fund .....	45.37
		S. H. Webber, Town Hall Fund .....	31,607.07

Alice J. Durgin Fund .....	1,000.00
War Bonus Fund .....	4,039.06
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	\$536,000.74

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## UNPAID BILLS

T. A. Mulroney, Concrete .....	492.60
American Tar Co., Highways .....	100.50
Commonwealth of Mass., Poor .....	95.00
W. S. Hanscom, Poor .....	42.00
Maurice H. McKenna Coal Co., Poor .....	4.00
Wilbur W. Fiske Co., Poor .....	51.20
Safety Truckchain Co., Poor .....	17.00
C. W. Houghton, Poor .....	39.48
A. F. Melley, Poor .....	95.25
Archie G. Wills, Poor .....	2.86
Bell Hardware Co., Poor .....	3.00
Stoneham Laundry, Poor .....	9.30
Geo. W. Blanchard & Co., Poor .....	1.35
Owen V. Keating, Poor .....	.63
E. W. Schaefer, Poor .....	2.45
Edison Electric Ill. Co., Poor .....	15.56
James A. McDonough, Poor .....	36.38
New England T. & T. Co., .....	5.25
Herbert H. Richardson, Town Counsel .....	257.20
James A. Munro, Clerk, Selectmen .....	100.00
	<u>\$1,071.01</u>

The surplus revenue, available for appropriation, as shown by the Balance Sheet is \$19,141.50.

Extensions of Water Mains costing \$8,481.20 have been paid for from the receipts of the Water Department.

Notwithstanding this outlay the Water Department Reserve has increased \$2,825.30.

At the last Annual Town Meeting it was voted that the cost of new Sewer Construction in excess of \$2,150.00 which was appropriated from the Sale of Land Fund, should be met by the sale of a Town Note to mature in 1931. As the law provides that payment of such indebtedness must be commenced in one year from the time of borrowing, this note could not be issued and therefore this account shows an overdraft of \$3,008.25. This amount should be provided for at the next Town Meeting.

Other overdrafts are: Poor Dep't. \$1,064.53, State Aid \$82.00 and Interest \$1,849.97. Adequate appropriations should be made, especially for such departments as concern Public Welfare, as the law prohibits any department from incurring liability in excess of the appropriation, except in cases of extreme emergency involving health or safety of persons or property, and then only by a vote of the Selectmen.

The funds and securities in the hands of the Treasurer have been examined and found intact.

Respectfully submitted, Charles A. Owen, Town Accountant

## REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

To the Citizens of Stoneham:

I hereby present my report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1925.

### TRUST FUNDS

The Trust Funds and available interest in my hands are as follows, and are deposited in Safety Deposit Box No. 94 Stoneham Trust company.

G. L. W. Dike, Library Book Fund ..	\$ 2,000.00	
Interest available .....	\$ 228.78	
		\$ 2,228.78
Matilda M. Dale, Cemetery Trust Fund ..	25.69	
Interest available .....	19.68	
		45.37
Richardson Library Fund .....	100.00	
Interest available .....	68.32	
		168.32
James W. MacDonald, School Medal Fund ..	130.00	
Interest available .....	3.04	
		133.04
James Alden Stockwell, Shade Tree Fund ..	1,000.00	
Interest available .....	57.82	
		1,057.82
Board of Trade, Central Sq. Improvem't Fund ..	31.85	
Interest available .....	21.52	
		53.37
Samuel Webber, Trust Fund .....	30,255.62	
Accrued Interest .....	1,351.45	
		31,607.07
Perpetual Care Trust Fund .....	40,935.34	
Interest available .....	6,905.34	
		47,839.68
		83,133.45



# DEMANDS ON INTEREST

Date	Given	Purpose	Rate	Amount	Due
June 1, 1896	Bearer	Sewer	4	5,000.00	June 1, 1926
" 1908	"	"	4	5,000.00	" 1, 1927
" 1908	"	"	4	5,000.00	" 1, 1928
" 1911	"	"	4	5,000.00	" 1, 1929
" 1911	"	"	4	5,000.00	" 1, 1930
" 1912	"	"	4	1,000.00	" 1, 1926
" 1912	"	"	4	1,000.00	" 1, 1927
" 1912	"	"	4	1,000.00	" 1, 1928
" 1912	"	"	4	1,000.00	" 1, 1929
" 1912	"	"	4	1,000.00	" 1, 1930
" 1912	"	"	4	1,000.00	" 1, 1931
" 1912	"	"	4	1,000.00	" 1, 1932
" 1912	"	"	4	1,000.00	" 1, 1933
" 1912	"	"	4	1,000.00	" 1, 1934
" 1912	"	"	4	1,000.00	" 1, 1935
" 1912	"	"	4	1,000.00	" 1, 1936
" 1912	"	"	4	1,000.00	" 1, 1937
May 1, 1914		Restitution	4	1,000.00	May 1, 1926
" 1914	"	"	4	1,000.00	" 1, 1927
" 1914	"	"	4	1,000.00	" 1, 1928
Nov. 1, 1915		Fire & Police	4	2,000.00	Nov. 1, 1926
" 1915	"	"	4	2,000.00	" 1, 1927
" 1915	"	"	4	2,000.00	" 1, 1928
" 1915	"	"	4	2,000.00	" 1, 1929
" 1915	"	"	4	2,000.00	" 1, 1930
" 1915	"	"	4	2,000.00	" 1, 1931
" 1915	"	"	4	2,000.00	" 1, 1932
" 1915	"	"	4	2,000.00	" 1, 1933
" 1915	"	"	4	2,000.00	" 1, 1934
" 1915	"	"	4	2,000.00	" 1, 1935
May 1, 1901	"	Water	3½	5,000.00	May 1, 1926
" 1901	"	"	3½	5,000.00	" 1, 1927
" 1901	"	"	3½	5,000.00	" 1, 1928
" 1901	"	"	3½	4,000.00	" 1, 1929
" 1908	"	"	4	5,000.00	" 1, 1930
" 1908	"	"	4	5,000.00	" 1, 1931
June 1, 1912	"	"	4	1,000.00	June 1, 1926
" 1912	"	"	4	1,000.00	" 1, 1927
" 1912	"	"	4	1,000.00	" 1, 1928
" 1912	"	"	4	1,000.00	" 1, 1929
" 1912	"	"	4	1,000.00	" 1, 1930
" 1912	"	"	4	1,000.00	" 1, 1931

" 1912	"	"	4	1,000.00	" 1, 1932
" 1912	"	"	4	1,000.00	" 1, 1933
" 1912	"	"	4	1,000.00	" 1, 1934
" 1912	"	"	4	1,000.00	" 1, 1935
" 1912	"	"	4	1,000.00	" 1, 1936
" 1912	"	"	4	1,000.00	" 1, 1937
" 1915	"	"	5	1,000.00	" 1, 1926
" 1915	"	"	5	1,000.00	" 1, 1927
" 1915	"	"	5	1,000.00	" 1, 1928
Nov. 1, 1923	"	School Loan	4 1/4	8,000.00	Nov. 1, 1926
" 1923	"	"	4 1/4	8,000.00	" 1, 1927
" 1923	"	"	4 1/4	8,000.00	" 1, 1928
" 1923	"	"	4 1/4	8,000.00	" 1, 1929
" 1923	"	"	4 1/4	8,000.00	" 1, 1930
" 1923	"	"	4 1/4	7,000.00	" 1, 1931
" 1923	"	"	4 1/4	7,000.00	" 1, 1932
" 1923	"	"	4 1/4	7,000.00	" 1, 1933
" 1923	"	"	4 1/4	7,000.00	" 1, 1934
" 1923	"	"	4 1/4	7,000.00	" 1, 1935
" 1923	"	"	4 1/4	7,000.00	" 1, 1936
" 1923	"	"	4 1/4	7,000.00	" 1, 1937
" 1923	"	"	4 1/4	7,000.00	" 1, 1938
" 1923	"	"	4 1/4	7,000.00	" 1, 1939
" 1923	"	"	4 1/4	7,000.00	" 1, 1940
" 1923	"	"	4 1/4	7,000.00	" 1, 1941
" 1923	"	"	4 1/4	7,000.00	" 1, 1942
" 1923	"	"	4 1/4	7,000.00	" 1, 1943
Aug. 1, 1924	"	Original Equip.	4 1/4	2,000.00	Aug. 1, 1926
" 1924	"	"	4 1/4	2,000.00	" 1, 1927
" 1924	"	"	4 1/4	2,000.00	" 1, 1928
" 1924	"	"	4 1/4	2,000.00	" 1, 1929
" 1924	"	"	4 1/4	2,000.00	" 1, 1930
" 1924	"	"	4 1/4	2,000.00	" 1, 1931
" 1924	"	"	4 1/4	2,000.00	" 1, 1932
" 1924	"	"	4 1/4	2,000.00	" 1, 1933
" 1924	"	"	4 1/4	2,000.00	" 1, 1934

Anticipation of Revenue 253,000.00

Nov. 10, 1925	Grafton & Company	3.90	30,000.00	Nov. 10, 1926
Nov. 24, 1925	First Nat. Corp.	3.785	20,000.00	May 25, 1926
Dec. 10, 1925	Grafton Company	3.83	20,000.00	June 10, 1926

100,000.00

## TIME LOANS DUE IN 1926

Sewer .....	\$ 6,000.00
Restitution .....	1,000.00
Fire & Police .....	3,000.00
Junior High School .....	8,000.00
Junior High School, Equipment .....	2,000.00
Water .....	7,000.00

\$ 27,000.00

## LOAN ACCOUNT (Anticipation)

The following amounts have been borrowed on Temporary notes in anticipation of Revenue during the year.

March 18, 1925 .....	20,000.00 @ 3.48 •
April 1, 1925 .....	5,000.00 @ 3.48
April 28, 1925 .....	50,000.00 @ 3.48
May 19, 1925 .....	30,000.00 @ 3.48
June 11, 1925 .....	25,000.00 @ 3.28
Nov. 10, 1925 .....	60,000.00 @ 3.90
Nov. 24, 1925 .....	20,000.00 @ 3.785
Dec. 10, 1925 .....	20,000.00 @ 3.83

Of the above amounts \$ 130,000.00 has been paid leaving a balance due in 1926 of \$ 100,000.00.

The following amounts will be required to meet our Interest payments for the year 1926.

Sewer .....	\$ 1,360.00
Water .....	1,518.75
Restitution .....	100.00
Fire & Police .....	800.00
School Bonds .....	5,567.50
Junior High, Equipment .....	765.00
Anticipation Interest (Estimate) .....	6,500.00

16,611.25

Total Receipts for the year 1925 .....	\$729,747.67
Warrants approved and paid .....	694,457.16
Balance Dec. 31, 1925 .....	\$ 35,290.51

Respectfully submitted,

Simeon C. Fuller

Treasurer.

## REPORT OF TRUSTEES PUBLIC LIBRARY

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To the Citizens of Stoneham:

The annual report of the Trustees of the Public Library is herewith presented.

It cannot be denied that the Public Library is one of the most important and beneficial agencies in any community. Through it opportunities are offered to all townspeople without discrimination. For those who seek entertainment and relaxation the best books of fiction are provided, and for those who wish for means to continue their education after leaving school, books on art, science, and other branches of learning are available. The co-operation of the schools and library is very gratifying, and the pupils visit the reference room in large numbers daily to secure assistance in their studies. In response to requests from the schools many volumes are purchased each year. The committee, when buying books, endeavors to satisfy the demands of the public as far as possible, and works of reputable authors and of some permanent value are selected. The fiction is naturally in excess of any other class. A shelf has been set apart known as the Mothers' Shelf, where books relating to the care of children may be found.

The Trustees find themselves hampered by the insufficient appropriation made by the town for their use, as the price of books is high, and the quality of material and the workmanship poor. Of the popular fiction there should be several copies of each title in order to furnish an adequate supply. After one hundred issues of an adult book it is worn out and must be discarded, while a juvenile book will probably average eighty issues. This estimate includes rebinding. In order that our books may render the best service, it is necessary that the patrons should exercise care in handling them, and thus prevent the high percent of loss and mutilation.

During the past two years there has been an increase in circulation of more than ten thousand. The proper authorities state that the library circulation should average five volumes per capita, and the minimum income should be one dollar per capita of the inhabitants of the town.

Besides the urgent need of more books, it is necessary to purchase a new charging desk, as the one now in use is too small for present requirements.

With sufficient funds the Trustees are sure that the Stoneham

library may have a standing equal to any other of its size in the state. Let us all take pride in our library, and each do his part to advance its successful development.

Children's Book Week was observed as usual in November, and the best juvenile books were on exhibition. It is to be desired that more of those who have the guidance of children's reading should make use of this opportunity to examine the best books.

Miss Jackson, librarian, and Miss Howell, assistant-librarian, still continue to render efficient service in their positions, and the tactful manner in which the librarian meets the perplexing problems of library administration is worthy of commendation.

For the ensuing year the Trustees recommend a substantial increase in the appropriation for the upkeep of the library.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles H. Chase

Cora E. Dike

Margaret W. Emerson

George A. Hinchcliffe

George A. Packard

Herbert H. Richardson

#### REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

To the Trustees of the Stoneham Public Library:

I submit the Librarian's report for the year ending December 31, 1925.

The past year has been a busy year in the Public Library, having had the largest circulation in its history and there has also been a large amount of reference work done.

High school students and pupils from the fifth grade have been given instruction in the use of the library, and especially in the use of reference books.

There have been 627 new books and two new magazines added by purchase or gift to the Public Library in 1925. Some of these were Bercovi, *Around the World in New York*; Parker, *Ports and Happy Places*; Franck, *Glimpses of Japan and Formosa*, *Roving Through Southern China*; Cooper, *Grass-Travel in Persia*; Fox, *People of the Steppes*; Thomas, *With Lawrence in Arabia*, *Beyond Khyber Pass*; Beebe, *Jungle days*; Mullin, *Adventures of a Scholar Tramp*; Hornaday, *Tales from Nature's Wonderlands*; Hopkins, *Kipling Country*; Greene, *Dipper Hill*; Gilbert, *Romance of the Last Crusade*; Bok, *Twice Thirty*; Grant, *In the Days of My Father*, *General Grant*; Gordon, *My Education and Religion*; Smith Kate Douglas Wiggin as *Her Sister Knew Her*; Dorr, *Woman of Fifty*; Holt, *Light Which Cannot Fail*; Tyler, *Grandmother Tyler's Book*; Northend, *We Visit Old Inns*; Moore, *Old Glass*; Story, *How*



to Dress Well; Linscott, Up to Date Social Affairs; Clark, Suppose We Play; Phillips, Hooked Rugs and How to Make Them; Loud, Culture of Perennials; Collins, Amateur Photographer's Handbook; Kephart, Camping and Woodcraft; Wilson, America's Greatest Garden the Arnold Arboretum; Chase, Tragedy of Waste; Filene, Way Out; Kellogg, Evolution; Thomson, EveryDay Biology; Wiggam Fruit of the Family Tree; Bleyer, Newspaper Writing and Editing; Drewry, Some Magazines and Magazine Makers; Patri, School and Home; Crawley, Reveries of a Father; Drury, The Thoughts of Youth; Horton, Out Into Life; Thompson, Instinct, Intelligence and Character, an Educational Psychology; Eyre, Engines and Boilers; Williams, Practical Radio; Rittenhouse, Elements of Accounts; Audels Carpenters and Builders Guide, four vols.; Blake, Acquiring a Home; Saylor, Tinkering with Tools; Dillon, Journalism for High Schools; Lawler, Gateway to American History; Robinson, Our World To-Day and Yesterday; Benet, Poems of Youth; Kipling, Songs of Youth; Milne, When We were Very Young; Stevenson, Home Book of Modern Verse, poetry of the twentieth century; Wright, Selected Reading in Municipal Problems and Birds in Massachusetts and other New England States by Edward Howe Forbush, the state orinthologist.

New magazines added in 1925: Etude in the Adult Reading and Popular Mechanics in the Children's Room.

Gifts were received from the following: In addition to the usual number of books and magazines received from the publishers, the commonwealth and manufacturers, newspapers, magazines and books were received from associations and persons in the town: Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Woman's Alliance of the Unitarian Church, Woman's Club, School Department, Mrs. Harry Hill, Miss Ruth Lane, Mrs. Frances A. Saunders, Mrs. Laura Stevens, and Mrs. Robert C. Whitten.

#### Staff

Martha A. Jackson, Librarian; Mildred Howell, Assistant; Dorothy Chase, Irva Graham, Eleanor Parks, Elizabeth Tidd, High School Assistants.

Total circulation for 1925 .....		42,738
Adult fiction .....	20,866	
Adult non-fiction .....	2,887	
Juvenile fiction .....	14,650	
Juvenile non-fiction .....	2,590	
Magazines .....	1,525	
Foreign books .....	220	
 Total .....	 42 738	 42,738

Total registration for 1925 .....	3,060
New registration in 1925 .....	485
Total volumes in library (estimated) .....	13,808
Volumes added by purchase .....	585
Volumes added by gift .....	42
Magazines added by purchase .....	2
Replacements (adult) .....	50
Replacements (Juvenile) .....	46
Average number of books circulated per day .....	140
Number of days library was open .....	305

Respectfully submitted,

Martha A. Jackson, librarian

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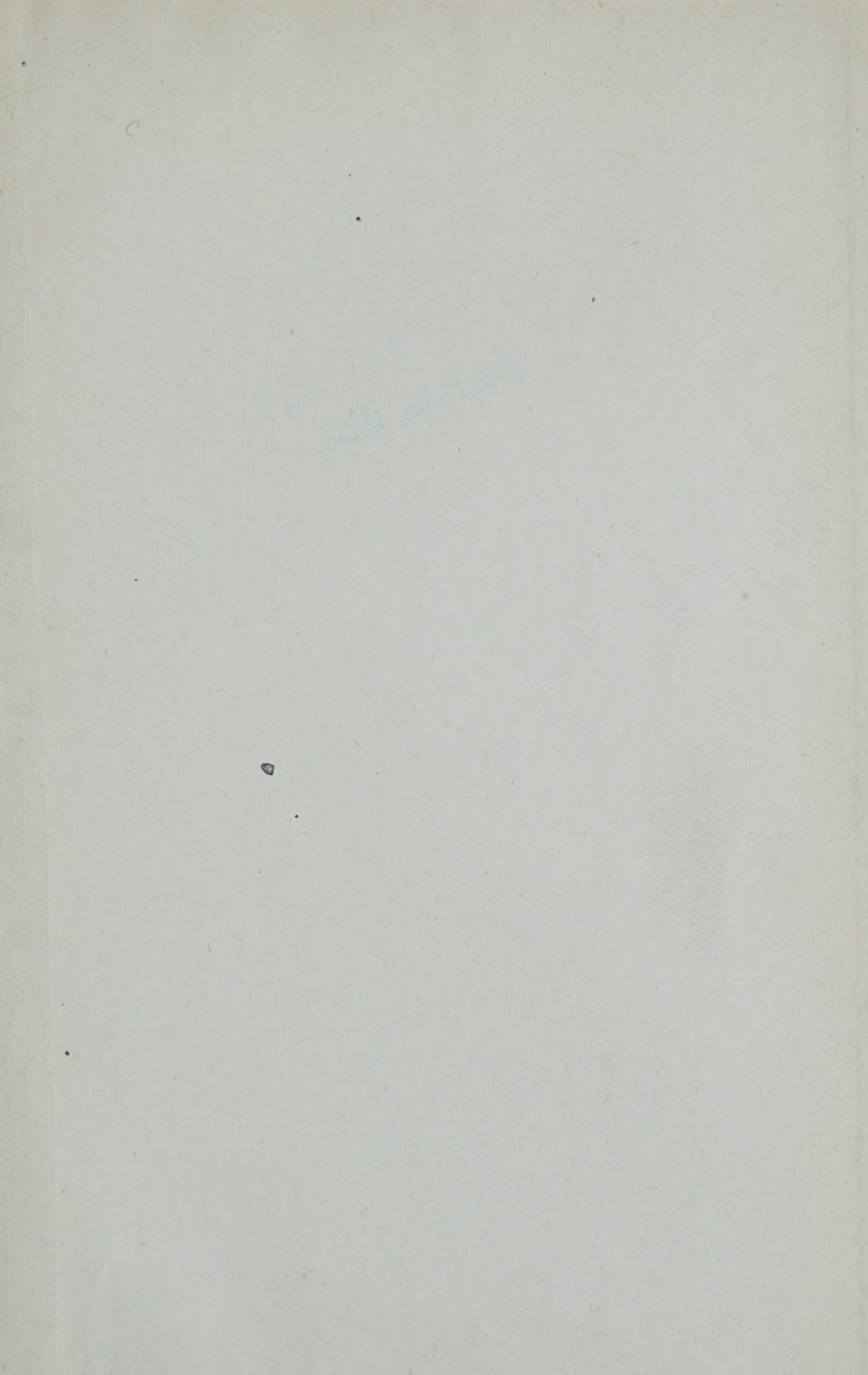
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